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Economic Data

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NEW YORK - Wall Street

shrugged off the second worrying

U.S. economic statistic in as many days and the Dow Jones industrial

average posted a small gain Friday after it had appeared on the brink

of another sharp drop.

The blue-chip average of 30 stocks, which had fallen 101,46 nn

Thursday after disappointing U.S. trade figures, slid nearly 30 points in marning trading Friday.

The new drop on the New York Stock Exchange came after the La-

bor Department reported that

wbolesale prices had risen 0.6 per-

cent in March, a statistic regarded

as a harbinger of renewed inflation and possibly of growth-choking higher interest rates.

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But the stock market took heart

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Chaos Is Afghan Destiny Geneva Accord Papers Over War's Reality

By Henry Kamm New York Times Service ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - If all goes well and the letter and spirit of the Geneva accords are observed

Miami, Rome, Tokyo.

by all four parties, Afghanistan will return to the chaos that prevailed when the Soviet Union intervened

The country already has seen a million of its citizens killed, its landscape marred by vast destruc-tion and close in half of its population wrenched from its roots. But war will go on.

When Moscow intervened in December 1979, a pro-Soviet government in Kabul — the product of the third coup since 1973 — was embattled by a conservative, Islamic-people unwilling to accept a Marxist revolution and was threatened from within by militant and

murderous factionalism. The anti-Communist forces were even more deeply divided. In Af- to have been displaced by the fightchanistan, the institutions of a modern state serve largely as a fa-refugees have swelled Kabul, a city rade for a society in which tribal-of less than half a million in the ism, ethnic divisions, hereditary early 1970s, in two million inhabit-leaders of Islamic sects and feudal ants today.

landlords exert a greater hold over sections of the population of 15

These divisions continue. The expansion of warfare introduced by the Soviet military, and particu-larly its air force, and the reactive upgrading by the United States,

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Saudi Arabia and China of the arsenal of the insurgency, have devastated what was at best one of the world's least developed countries.

Three million Afghans have fled in Pakistan, which has received them with exemplary openness and generosity, in the view of international refugee officials and other specialists.

Two million more Afghans have preferred even the rigors of Iran to remaining in their country. An additional two million are estimated ing inside Afghanistan. Internal

Reports from Afghanistan tell of villages consisting of nothing more than houses shelled into ruin or crumbled from standing deserted. Fields have lain fallow for so long that it will take especially backbreaking work in prepare them for planting, and the needed tools, draft animals and seed will all have in be provided by international

Age-old irrigation systems have been destroyed or silted over for lack of maintenance. Roads, never adequate in extent or quality, have suffered greatly. And the combatants bave sown mines all over the countryside, with few or no written records to help to recover them.

That is the country that the victor or a coalition of national reconciliation will inherit if peace comes. But the Geneva agreement does not offer peace. Like the Paris agreement in the Vietnam War, it provides only the fig leaf to allow a major power to withdraw without conceding its embarrassment for

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2 Hostages On Jet Plead For Release Of 17 in Jail

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

ALGIERS — The hijackers of a Kuwait Airways jetliner put two of their hostages on an open communication channel to the Algiers airport control tower Friday to plead for the release of 17 militant fundamentalists in prison in Kuwait.

"I ask the Kuwaiti authorities to release the 17 persons beld in Ku-waiti jails because of the insistence of the hijackers of killing us all if they are not released," said a man who identified himself as Suleiman Mohammed Suleiman al-Misheri, a

Kuwaiti. Mr. Misheri appeared-confused at the first rendition of his state-ment, and the control tower asked him to repeat it. He did, still sound-

He was followed by another man identified as Mohammed Ahmed who sounded calm as he reiterated a similar message, which repeats the demand the hijackers sale prices. have made since taking over the plane on April 5.

Algerian and Kuwaiti officials and journalists who spoke Thursday to a Kuwaiti hostage, Gomaa Abdallah al-Shatti, said the man suggested that the hijackers were treating the remaining 31 passen-gers on the Boeing 747 very rough-

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erates, were down sharply.

York, (Page 9.)

Bush, the leading candidate for the Republican nonunation. The Labor Department said in its report on wholesale price activi-

percent last month. For the first three months of the year, beef and veal prices climbed 43.6 percent.

The department said the index of consumer goods other than od and energy rose 0.4 percent.

Treacted in a one-time report, and we hope this thing will stabilize."

Mr. Fitzwater said. for consumer goods other than after a rise in February of 0.3 percent. Among the more expensive items were automobiles, drugs, jewelry and men and boys clothing.

One of the power ment also reported that U.S. industrial production in March as edged up 0.1 percent in March as edged up 0.1 perce

January through March.

Mr. Ratajczak and other economists anticipate that the price report would add to the bavoc that which had originally been reported as posting a rise of 0.2 percent. was evident Thursday after the nation's trade deficit worsened sig-"Yesterday's news, and the flail-

bers, are going to create a volatile climate for a while," said Dirk Van Dongen, president of the National Association of Wholesalers, "They were a surprise and above the pre-

trade deficit reported Thursday.

overall, wholesale prices rose at ness equipment offset drops in out-cials said Friday.

A nationwide manhunt was or-

tral banks in support the U.S. dol-lar, and around midday, the market began to recover. The Dow closed

at 2.013.93, up 8.29.

Stock markets in Europe and
Asia generally fell Friday because
of the U.S. trade deficit, which was \$13.83 billion for February, but in most cases the damage was limited. On the New York market, trad-

ing was beavy. Volume amounted in about 234.6 million shares, up from 211.8 million Thursday. Although the blue chips making up the Dow showed strength, on the broader market, declining issues led those advancing by about a

5-3 ratio. The early weakness was a fol-low-through from Thursday," said Rodd Anderson, vice president in equity trading at Sbearson Lehman Hutton Inc. "But the central bank intervention on the dollar stabilized the currency markets and that basically stopped us from going

Analysts also said that as the Dow bad moved down toward 1,980 early in the day, stocks bad found technical support from trad-

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A group of visiting bankers watching dealers at a money-broking company in Tokyo on Friday.

U.S. Wholesale Prices Leaped in March which lose value as inflation accel- an annual rate of 3.1 percent from put of construction supplies and consumer goods other than cars. The Federal Reserve Board said

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices jumped 0.6 percent in March, the biggest increase in 11 months, the U.S. government said Friday, in a report that increased nervousness in the financial markets about inflation and the health

of the economy. The March increase more than erased a 0.2 percent drop in February. If the March rate held for 12 months, it would yield an annual inflation rate of 7 percent, compared with 2.2 percent for all of 1987.

The widespread nature of these price changes suggests that inflation pressures may be intensifying, said Donald Ratajczak, a Georgia State University economist who analyzes trends in

Analysts said the rise in the government's Producer Price Index could put pressure on the Federal Reserve, the U.S. central bank, to raise interest rates in order to dampen inflationary expectations and belp support the dollar.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange fell on the price data before recovering in the afternoon.
Prices of U.S. Treasury bonds.

The dollar fell, then steaded to close mixed in Europe and New

Reports on the U.S. economy have been positive in recent weeks, government announced that the and few economists are forecasting a recession this year. But if the nificantly in February. economy weakens before the November presidential election. it ings of the lemmings on Wall Street could hart Vice President George combined with today's price num-

that energy prices, which bad

months.

"We think the market has over-

been falling at an annual rate of 17 percent. rose 0.9 percent last month, their first increase since August. Food prices, after dropping 1.1 percent in February, advanced 0.7 percent in February, advanced 0.7 percent last month. For the first month. For the first increase in wholesale prices as well as the widening in the U.S. tends deficit reported Thursday.

By Roberto Suro New York Times Service

the slight March advance followed

a month of no change in February.

Production bad been increasing

On the Producer Price Index,

food and energy prices can fluctu-

are greatly front month to month.

Analysts therefore look to the cal-

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at a steady pace in previous

ROME - A veteran Japanese terrorist with links in radical Leba-

dered for Junzo Okudaira, a member of the Japanese Red Army group, already wanted for an at-tack on the U.S. Embassy in Rome last June. Interior Minister Antonio Gava

sent its planes to support Iraqi identified by witnesses at the scene ingness or inability to exploit the rebuild their economy, General that concealed the bomb and that

But he said the rebuilding had been located. that I raqi F-1 fighter-bombers and Soviet-built Badger bombers usual-try appeared to be having trouble specially by the "Brigades of the lattice was claimed by the "Brigades" of the lattice was claimed by

ond anniversary of the U.S. air raid on the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi, an action taken to punish Libya for its alleged role in the bombing of a West Berlin disco-

theque frequented by U.S. soldiers.
Mr. Okudaira is believed to have
operated in the Middle East for a number of years, most recently forming an alliance with hard-line Shiire Moslems in Lebanon, according to an anti-terrorism investigator in Rome. 'lı appears that Okudaira has connections with one or more Leb-

anese Shiite groups, and we assume that he can get help from them even if be is operating with his own small network," the investigator said.

U.S. Navy spokesmen in Naples and that the American billed in the said that the American killed in the

bombing was Angela Simone San-los, a 31-year-old Petty Officer from Ocala, Florida, Ms. Santos was assigned in a navy communica-

tions center in Naples.
Four American sailors were injured by the explosion, the navy said. One was treated for minor injuries and returned to his ship. The other three were hospitalized and in stable condition. All of the injured were from two frigates that were making port calls in Naples, the Paul, based in Mayport, Florida, and the Capodanno, based in Newport, Rhode Island.

A total of 15 persons were wounded Thursday. All of those killed and most of those injured were outside in the narrow street where the bomb exploded.

A recreation and social center operated by the United Service Organizations was crowded with navy personnel at the time but most were in basement rooms sheltered from

Mr. Okudaira, 39, has a record of terrorist activities dating back in the 1970s. He was one of eight prisoners released from a Tokyo jail in 1977 to meet the demands of the hijackers of a Japan Air Lines

jel. His older brother, Kinosni, was killed during a bloody assault on Tel Aviv Airport in 1972. Through fingerprints and other evidence, Mr. Okudaira was identified as having taken part in the bazooka and car bomb attacks on the British and U.S. embassies in

Rome last June 9 at the time of the Venice summit meeting of industrialized nations. No one was injured in that operation. Authorities in Rome and Naples said copious evidence proved Mr. Okudaira carried out the attack on the center Thursday "beyond any

uncertainty," as one investigator According to police, Mr. Oku-

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jetliner at the Algiers airport on Friday as talks appeared to slow. Iran Is Losing Military Punch, U.S. General Says the headlines, but it is just as effective petroleum distribution points and said that Mr. Okudaira had been

Pretoria Blasts By George C. Wilson Washington Post Service Said to Kill 2 JOHANNESBURG (Reu-

Two Kuwaiti officials kept a watch on the hijacked Kuwait Airways

Kiosk

ters) — Two bombs exploded Friday in central Pretoria, kill-

mg at least two persons and

wounding many, a police offi-

The policeman said one

bomb exploded at a cinema

complex and another went off

more could have been in-

Young boys are fleeing into

Ethiopia to escape the war

in southern Sudan. Page 2.

Michael S. Dukakis is being

questioned on his positions on

François Mitterrand bas

stressed arms and foreign po-

licy issues in France's presi-

dential campaign. Page 4.

Daimler-Benz, which owns 56

percent of AEG AG, offered

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to buy the rest.

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arms control.

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jured," the officer said.

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and a restaurant nearby.

cer said.

WASHINGTON - Iran has lost so much of its military punch, including troops, that it probably will not be able to launch an expected major offensive against Iraq in the foreseeable future, according the U.S. military commander for

they have the wherewithal this year output, leaving it with less cash to a few minutes later near a shop to do that," the commander, Lieubuy weapons, he added. "Initial reports are that two tenant General George B. Crist of people are dead and many

the U.S. Marine Corps, inld the Senate Armed Services Committee

offensive against Iraq's port city of Basra, "expended far beyond what recently.

General Crist also said Iran was having problems getting enough young men in serve in the armed

In little-noticed testimony last month, General Crist said Iran was significantly weakened by Iraqi air attacks on its "economic infra-structure." These attacks have "We have not seen an offensive primarily because I do not think sharply reduced Iran's daily oil

Basra, "expended far beyond what they expected to in terms of materiel and supplies and were not able to recoup. Turning to the missiles fran and

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arready this year the two countries had fired twice as many missiles as they did from 1985 through 1987. In addition to missile attacks, the lragis "have undertaken a very significant air campaign, and have some and have are "effective."

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> in the Watergate office and apartment complex in June 1972 had been an error. There were "big things" taking place, he said, mentioning the improving relatinns with China and the withdrawal of American combat troops from Vietnam. "And here was this small thing, and we fouled it up beyond belief," he added, referring in the Watergate break-in. Mr. Nixon's new book stresses themes

many Republican conservatives, who are alarmed and frustrated by what they regard as the overly enthusiastic approach the Reagan administration has taken toward the Soviet Union in recent months. Mr. Nixon contends that, despite the advent of a more modern Soviet leader-

ship, the basic goals of the Soviet Union remain unchanged and threaten the United States. "Nowhere in the world is Gorbachev doing less than his predecessors to further global Soviet ambitions," he writes,

Soviet leader. Former colleagues and scholars said circumstances have produced a particular receptivity in Mr. Nixon. Among the factors they cited is that his successors,



In addition, he said, Iran, in its Nixon's New Visibility Overcomes Checkered Past

By Richard Bernstein New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Richard Nixon, the only American president ever to resign from office, is more visible these days than he has been in years, even if his visibility has an eeric, jowly familiarity to people who remember him in his more anguished incarnations.

Last Sunday, for the first time in 20 years, Mr. Nixon, 75, went on the Natinnal Broadcasting Co. program "Meet the Press" in order, be said, to pass on his experience in foreign affairs before he becomes "100 old to be able to do so." He is planning other television appearances and five public speeches around the United States, including one at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper

In weeks past, when the Republican Editors. presidential nomination was still being contested, advice from Mr. Nixon was sought by all of the major candidates of the party, and he met Friday in Washington with Vice President George Bush.

Part of this activity is connected with the appearance of a new book on U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, Mr. Nixon's fifth book since leaving office Aug-9, 1974. The book, "1999: Victory Without War," is lo be published by Simon &

Schuster in a few weeks. But his busy schedule also seems more generally to mark both the limits and the

possibilities Mr. Nixon faces in the public role he has assumed over the years since the Watergate affair.

Mr. Nixon has become increasingly comfortable as a public commentator and a private counselor in the ambitious, a man who, despite one of the worst scandals in the history of the presidency. has carved a sizable nicbe for himself in the public arena with a reputation for realism and sagacity in foreign affairs.

prosecutor in the Watergate case, said he thinks the historical assessment of Mr. Nixon is changing.
"I think it will remain very close to the

view that always seemed valid to me, Mr. Richardson said, "which is that he was a man of great capacity and considerable altainment and had in his hands the potential for becoming our greatest postwar president but who allowed that

Nixon is known to make quiet calls to candidates and those close to them, sometimes offering unsolicited advice.

might be called the dark side of his reputation have not relaxed their grip on the mind of the public, in the opinion of many former officials and colleagues.

Nixon, as a very quiet oracle and as somebody who comments on affairs, can gain attention," said Helmut Sonnenfelds, a former senior foreign policy aide. "But a very public Nixon who endorses candidates and that sort of thing would not work. There's a kind of line beyond which he becomes a liability but before

which he is an asset." Elliol L. Richardson, who resigned as attorney general in October 1973 rather

Still, the Watergate episode and what potential to be destroyed as a consequence of the flaws in his own character." it, be seemed to admit that he made

> ing that the effort to cover up the White House role in the break-in at the offices

In the nearly 14 years since Mr. Nixon resigned the presidency shortly before the House of Representatives was to consider articles of impeachment against him, his emphasis has been on writing about foreign policy. The "Meet the Press" interview, however, gave a glimpse inm his reflections on his presidency. In

mistakes in judgment.
He seemed able in talk of Watergate less defensively than before, acknowledg-

that seem to put him in harmony with referring to Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the

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Sudanese Boys Flee War Into Ethiopia

Emaciated Orphans Cross Border, Becoming New Wave of Refugees

By Mary Battiata

Washington Post Service NAIROBI — A march of death reminiscent of the 1984-85 famine is reportedly under way again in Ethiopia — not in the north, where it had been predicted, but in the remote southwest, where more than 45,000 Sudanese refugees, many of them emaciated and dying young boys, have dragged themselves across the border in flight from Sudan's civil war.

In the past four months, young Sudanese, described by witnesses as "walking skeletons," have swelled the ranks of already overcrowded refugee camps to more than 250,000 people, according to Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa. About 8,000 refugees are thought to have died along the way. Many of those who survived the trek have

'I have never seen malnutrition as bad as this. You would not believe the condition of some of them.

- Pat Banks, a spokeswoman for the UN mission in Ethiopia

arrived at the camps too weak to feed themselves. At one camp, three to four people are reported to

be starving to death every day.
"I have never seen malnutrition
as bad as this," said Pat Banks, a spokeswoman for the United Nations mission in Ethiopia and one of several relief officials and diplomats who toured the area recently. "You would not believe the condition of some of them."

Most of the refugees are thought to have been separated from their families when soldiers in Sudan's 41/2-year-old civil war raided their villages and shot their parents.

A senior diplomat in Addis Ababa said: "The stories are all along the lines of; "The tribal militia came in and shot my father, and my mother and sister disappeared, and I started walking."

For most of the refugees, the exodus into Ethiopia meant a nightmarish trek of two to four months, from the southern Sudanese regions of the Upper Nile, Bahr Ghazal and Equatoria, across

a drought-stricken wasteland.
"This was hasically a large-scale movement of young men trying to get the hell out of the war zone," said one source.

Sudan's civil war is between the Sudan People's Liberation Army in the south, dominated by Christians and animists, and the Moslemdominated Sudanese government in Khartoum. Relief officials in Addis Ababa

say it is not elear precisely what precipitated the mass migration. Late last year, refugees began streaming into three existing camps, Assosa, Itang and Dimma, and they are creating an entirely

Pope Condemns Killing Of Malformed Babies

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul If sharply condemned eutha-nasia of malformed habies, telling doctors Thursday that no one has a right to have a healthy child. Addressing participants at a Eu-

ropean congress on prenatal medi-cine, the pope said, "It is necessary to reaffirm clearly that every life is sacred and that the existence of a possible malformation cannot be a reason for a death sentence, not even when it is the parents themselves, taken by emotion and struck by their expectations, who ask for euthanasia through the suspension of care and feeding.

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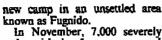
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minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze CHURCH OF THE LIVING SAVIOUR, Gene contained "a lot of cynicism."
Essentially, he said, the Soviet va's International Pentecostal church, 20 Ave. Errest-Pictet. Enjoy a worm atmasphere of joyful, spiriffilled worship in English. 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tel.: 447070 or 988580. Union either denied sending weapons to the region or asserted that



malnourished refugees converged on Fugnido. The UN High Com-mission for Refugees and the Ethi-opian Red Cross scrambled to build a camp around the new population. The population at Fugnido and Itang continued to grow by several thousand each month.

Fugnido is now estimated by relief officials to have between 25,000 and 30,000 residents. More than half of them are under the age of 15. Only 3 percent are women, meaning there are few family members to provide the intensive care that famine victims require

Since December, when the ex-tent of the problem was first recog-nized by Ethiopia and the United Nations, the high commission has set aside \$1.4 million for Fugnido alone, according to a UN spokesman in Geneva. A UN spokeswoman said that

the refugee relief operation had procured about 80 percent of the food necessary to supply the camps for the next three months.



HARMONY AT THE GREAT WALL - The Reverend Billy cadre of clapping Chinese schoolchildren at the Great Wall, Graham, the American evangelist, singing a song Friday with a outside Beijing. Mr. Graham is making his first trip to China.

U.S. Steps Up Effort to End Angola War

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — American officials have stepped up efforts to negotiate a settlement of the war in Angola as new indications have emerged that the Angolans would accept the withdrawal of all Cuban troops from their country over sev-

Chester A. Crocker, the assistant secretary of state for African affairs, is making one last effort to bring about such a settlement, using the same basic strategy be has pursued for seven years: linking the withdrawal of more than 40,000 Cuhan troops from Angola and the withdrawal of South African forces from South-West Africa, the territory also known as Namibia.

In the last few months, he said, principle of total Cuban withdraw-al," and Soviet officials have hinted that they would not block progress toward a settlement. Several African countries, including Nigeria, have recently offered to help mediate the 13-year civil war.

the upeomiog Moscow summit meeting between President Ronald

Reagan and the Soviet leader, Mik-

In comments Thursday, he also

called for Secretary of State George

P. Shultz to meet with foreign min-

isters of the five countries in the

Central America peace process be-

fore the May 29 summit meeting.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the American Society of News-paper Editors, Mr. Arias also criti-

use of economic pressure in an at-

tempt to overthrow the Panamani-

the same point in a private meeting with Vice President George Bush.

hest answer," Mr. Arias said.

"You'll he punishing the people of

Panama, not Noriega. It is better to

seek mediation and conciliation."

prime mover of the peace agree-ment, has been at odds with the

administration since last August

when his efforts led Nicaragua,

Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to sign the accord.

The pact won strong hacking from the House speaker, Jim Wright, Democrat of Texas, but

not the administration, which fa-vored continued military support for the contra rebels lighting the

Mr. Arias said it was time for

Mr. Reagan to fulfill a promise made in October to the Organiza-

tion of American States by in-

structing Mr. Shultz to discuss

ways of relieving military tensions

with the five countries "in a region-

al context" after cease-fire talks

were under way between the San-

Mr. Arias said it was important

for such talks to begin before the

sponse" he received to a recent open letter to Mr. Gorbachev that

he published in The New York

Times. In the letter, he called for

Moscow to cooperate in not send-

ing destabilizing supplies of weap-ons into Central America.

Mr. Arias added that a response

he received from the Soviet foreign

dinists and contras.

countries.

Nicaraguan government.

"Economic sanctions are not the

hail S. Gorbachev.

ed the Marxist government of An-gola that there should be a political settlement because neither side can win on the battlefield and continuation of the war would cause further economic devastation. The insurgents, led by Jonas Savimhi, receive military aid from the United States and South Africa.

But Mr. Crocker and the Reagan administration may still fail because the success of their policy depends on the cooperation of South Africa, which has shown no inclination to grant independence to South-West Africa in the near future. The South Africans say they will not pull out of the territory as long as Cubans are in Angola, and the Angolans insist that the United In the last few months, he said, States must stop sending weapons "the Angolans have accepted the to Mr. Savimbi's guerrilla group before the Cuhans go home.

While far from optimistic, State Department officials report some progress in separate talks with the Angolans and the South Africans, and they note that Cuban officials The strength of the Angolan the Angolan side to discuss a

By John M. Goshko

Washington Poet Service

WASHINGTON — President the contras. Mr. Arias said the an
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Oscar Arias Sánchez of Costa Rica swer had caused him to conclude

has urged the United States to that the Soviet Union would treat

make Soviet military support of the matter seriously only if Mr. Nicaragua a high-priority issue at Reagan made it a major issue.

schedule for their withdrawal. State Department officials say they hope to hring the opposing sides together in the near future, either for faceto-face talks or for indirect negotiations at a specified site.

Since 1981. Mr. Crocker has been shuttling from the United States to cities in Africa and Europe, pursuing hopes for a settlement. Conservatives such as Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, have denounced him as a tepid, tardy supporter of military aid for the Angolan insurgents. Liberal Democrats, on the other hand, have charged that the administration's efforts unintentionally strengthened South Africa's position.

The administration has made tives more difficult by adopting counterproductive policies," said Representative Howard E. Wolpe, a Democrat of Michigan, who is chairman of the House subcommittee on Africa. "We played right into the hands of the South African military, which was ambivalent in its willingness to get out of Namib-

meetings that would mean contacts

between Mr. Shultz and Nicaragua.

"We will take Arias's suggestion under advisement," an official said.

U.S. officials said Central America would be appear the "early and be appeared to "But our bottom line is that there

"South Africa uses the presence of Cuban troops in Angola as a pretext to continue its illegal occu-pation of Namibia," Mr. Wolpe said. "The irony is that we, the United States, created the concept of linkage, which gives South Afri-ca a veto over the course of diplo-

As diplomacy seems to make progress toward a settlement in southern Africa, Mr. Wolpe said, South Africa increases the military pressure on Angola, prompting the Angolans to seek more assistance from Cuha and the Soviet Union.

South Africa has troops inside Angola, and the president of South Africa, Pieter W. Botha, says they will stay until the Cubans leave. Eli Bitzer, a spokesman for the South the achievement of its own objec- African Embassy in Washington, said that "as far as South Africa is concerned, very little progress has been made toward withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola,"

Manuel Pedro Pacavira, Angola's chief representative at the

United Nations, estimated that there are 9,000 South African soldiers in southern Angola, assisting the guerrilla forces.

Arias Sees Nicaragua as Summit Priority haven't really gotten beyond the stage of technical talks yet. To begin regiocal talks oow would raise the risk of creating a parallel set of talks that would undercut the ability of the resistance to deal with the day in Geneva that the Soviet



David Stadthagen, left, a contra rebel official, announcing in Managua that the group was prepared to reopen high-level peace talks on Friday with the leftist Sandinist government. With him are Roberto Ferrey, center, another contra representative, and Herty Lewites, Nicaragua's minister of tourism.

An Overture To Moscow

21 years ago, but officials in Jerusalem have been encouraged by recent signs of closer relations. An announcement this week that Mr. Shevardnadze would visit Arah countries sparked their curiosity.

Io Moscow, a government spokesman declined to speculate

schedules had been fixed.

Mr. Shamir's spokesman, Yossi Ahimeir, said, "If the prime minis-

against the Soviets," he said. "On the contrary, we are interested in renewing normal relations between Israel and the Soviet Union."

ig an active fole in the Middle East peace process in talks with the United States, Arab states and the Palestinians.

role in peace talks would require restoring ties it broke off during the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict and a rise in the number of Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate to Israel.

flexibility of both sides."

Interest in a Soviet Middle East peace role has grown since a consular delegation from Moscow visited Israel last summer for the first time since all Soviet bloc countries except Romania severed ties in

sign the Afghan accords, said the Afghan agreement could help bring about a solution to other regional

Israel Makes

Shevardnadze of the Soviet Union to visit Israel if Mr. Shamir can be sure the invitation will be accepted,

number of Arah countries and planned to visit them, but that no

ter would be sure that Mr. Shevardnadze would accept such an invitation, he would invite him to come to visit Israel and to discuss mutual

Mr. Shevardnadze said Thurs-

Reuters
TEL AVIV — Prime Minister
Yitzhak Shamir is prepared to invite Foreign Minister Eduard A. his office said Friday.

Moscow severed ties with Israel

on the possibility of a Shevardnadze visit to Israel this year. "Such a question has never been dis-cussed," said Vadim Perfilyev, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. He said that Mr. Shevardnadze had received invitations from a

relations, common problems,"
"You know that we have nothing

"If they want to participate in

peace in the Middle East," Mr. Ahimeir said, "they have to be like the United States - to have formal ties with Israel - and to have the

Mr. Shevardnadze, in Geoeva to

meeting of the council, which is

led by the armed forces com-

mander, General Humberto Re-

ty struck a tourth mine. The blast injured 10 U.S. sailors. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said they did not know who planted the mines in an area of the southern Gulf where mines have not been found previously. They said the mines were old-fashioned devices. Vice President George Bush said earlier Friday that a recently planted mine had caused the explosion that struck the frigate as it patrolled about 70 miles (110 kilometers) east of Bahrain. On Friday, the ship was being towed toward Dubai.

would call an election.

Mr. Shamir has said any Soviet

any diplomatic process towards a peace agreement and promoting

Danes' Nuclear Ban Worries U.S. COPENHAGEN (Renters) - The United States expressed dismay

Friday at a Danish parliamentary vote to tighten a ban on nuclear arms: Thursday's vote in favor of an opposition motion urging the conservative led government to remind visiting warships of Denmark's peacetime ban on atomic arms prompted speculation that Prime Minister Poul Schluter

Warsaw March Plan Draws Warning

WARSAW (Reuters) — The Polish police warned Friday that a march planned for Sunday to monuments commemorating the 1943 uprising of Jews in the Warsaw ghetto was illegal and that they could not protect? I marchers from any "provocations" that mighl occur.

The procession is being organized by 46 intellectuals and wartime underground commanders who are boycotting anniversary ceremonies—organized by the Polish authorities. Jacek Kuron, a longtime dissident and one of the organizers of the march, said the police had given him the

and one of the organizers of the march, said the police had given him the

warning at the Interior Ministry.

The authorities have called the march an opposition publicity stant and the Communist Party newspaper, Trybuna Ludu, last week diabled the organizers as opportunistic "cemetery byenas."

ATHENS (AP) — The Greek government blamed the United States on Friday for lack of progress in negotiations on a new agreement on U.S. bases in Greece. The present accord expires in December.

There has been no particular progress as the American side does not seem disposed to accept certain principles in relation to the Cyprus problem and Greek-Turkish relations, a government spokesman said. Negotiations began in November for an agreement to replace the existing five-year accord. Greek and U.S. officials have held four rounds of talks, and the next meeting is scheduled next week in Athens.

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Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has said repeatedly that a new accord must be linked with progress on Greek-Turkish disputes over the Argean Sea and the divided Mediterranean island of Cyprus. The United Argean Sea and the divided Mediterranean island of Cyprus. The United

States has refused to be drawn into regional disputes. Four U.S. bases

U.S. Vessels Destroy 3 Mines in Gulf

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — U.S. Navy minesweepers destroyed on Friday three mines moored in the Gulf east of Bahrain, after a U.S.

guided missile frigate was struck Thursday by an underwater explosion

Defense Department officials said.

An official said the minesweepers had found and destroyed the three.

mines" detected by the frigate, the Samuel B. Roberts, before it apparents by struck a fourth mine. The blast injured IO U.S. sailors.

have operated in Greece since the 1950s.

Greece Says U.S. Stalls Base Talks

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, in a statement released by the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, said: 'The United States government is deeply distressed over the implications for NATO unity and cooperation of the

The U.S. has a long-standing policy neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons aboard its ships. This policy is central to the U.S. ability to fulfill its NATO commitments. We are not going to change

Speakes Leaves Merrill Lynch Post

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Speakes, the former chief White House spokesman, resigned Friday as chief spokesman for Merrill Lynch & Co. after be provoked controversy by revealing that he had, concocted quotes for President Ronald Reagan.

The resignation was announced after Mr. Speakes scrapped plans.

to attend a White House Correspondents' Association dinner in Washington oext week as guest of The Washington Post after he revealed in his book, "Speaking Out," that he twice attributed statements to Mr. Reagan that the president never made. Mr. Speakes said his resignation was "the best course of action for Merrill Lynch and for me personally."

Jail Term in New York Manslaughter

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Chambers, who had pleaded guilty to a manslanghter charge in the 1986 strangulation of a teen-ager he met in a New York bar, was sentenced Friday to five to 15 years in jail; and he apologized for the first time to the family of the victim, Jennifer Levin.

The sentence closed a case that had come to be known as the "preppie of murder" trial because it drew attention to the world of wealthy Manhat tan youths and their involvement in under-aged drinking, drugs and sexula accepting the manslaughter plea after initially pleading not guilty to second-degree murder, Mr. Chambers abandoned his story of an accidental death during "rough sex" in Central Park and admitted he intended to harm Miss Levin, 18.

The sentence was agreed to three weeks ago when Mr. Chambers, 21. pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter, ending a three-month mur-der trial amid deadlocked jury deliberations.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Alitalia has canceled most flights to and from Rome on Sunday because of a 12-hour strike by air traffic controllers that is scheduled for between 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. By late Friday, foreign airlines had not yet announced any schedule changes.

British travelers will be allowed to use expired passports under agreements reached with eight countries, the Home Office announced Friday, acknowledging a backlog for processing passport applications. The United States will accept out-of-date passports until June 15. For Hong Kong, Antigua, in Bahamas, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Yugoslavia, the agreements will run until Sept. 30.

Pan Am said Friday in Berlin that the Swedish Civil Aviation Agency

had refused to let it continue operating on the Berlin-Stockholm route, which was opened on a provisional hasis in November. It said the company was disappointed by the Swedish decision because the traffic on

the route had grown faster than forecast.

The P&O Steam Narigation Co. said Friday that it made a slightly revised offer to striking ferry workers in Dover, England, in an effort to end a 10-week-long dispute over pay and working conditions.

(AP):

Army Rivalry Contributed to Honduran Suspect's Arrest "There was outrage, to put it mildly," one diplomat said of the

By Larry Rohter

New York Times Service TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras -A bitter factional struggle within the armed forces contributed to the Honduran decision last week to hand over a major drug-trafficking suspect to the United States, and that action has in turn intensified the struggle, according to Honduran government officials and foreign diplomats here.

The seizure of the drug traffick-er, Juan Ramon Matta Balles-Moscow summit meeting because he believed that was the prope teros, grew at least in part out of forum for Mr. Reagan to raise with long-standing but deepening dif-Mr. Gorbachev the question of Soviet and Cuban military assistance ferences between military officers said to be involved in the drug trade and others alarmed by their to Nicaragua and to leftist guerrilla forces in other Central American involvement, the officials and dip-He said his views had been lomats said Even a violent anti-American prompted by the "disappointing re-

demonstration two days after Mr. Matta's arrest was tolerated by the Honduran military because each faction hoped to strengthen its position as a result of it, the diplomats added.

During the protest, a U.S. Embassy annex was set a blaze and as

many as five persons died. Riot

squads did not arrive until two hours after the violence occurred.

Mr. Matta, a Honduran by

birth, had been living here since

his escape from a Colombian jail

early in 1986. As recently as last month, President José Azcona Hoyo said publicly that Mr. Mat-ta's extradition to the United States was impossible because the constitution prohibits such an action. But on April 5, the elite Cobra unit of the national police surrounded Mr. Matta's lavish home and expelled him from the country. Mr. Matta was then ar-rested by U.S. authorities and is now being held in a maximum-security federal prison in Marion, Illinois

officers alarmed at growing ties between drug traffickers and the Honduran military bad themselves originally planned to arrest Mr. Matta, "so that the whole truth would come out." But another group "beat them to it and grabbed Matta in the hopes that their own names would not come out.

A Honduran official said that

Mr. Matta's seizure coincided with the resumption of hearings on the narcotics trade held by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Honduran civilian officials and diplomats said the operation against Mr. Matta was planned and executed under U.S. pressure and in the hope of fore-

stalling revelations from Wash-

ington that might implicate senior Honduran officers in the trafficking of cocaine.

Handing Matta over to the Americans was an attempt to satisfy the Senate committee," one diplomat said. "The hope was that

> 'Some people were embarrassed because they didn't know in advance about what had happened, and a few were embarrassed because they were the ones involved and hadn't told the others.'

— A diplomat in Tegucigalpa.

by giving the Americans something they wanted, they would not investigate further and would be content to leave the others in

The seizure, however, is said to have angered many senior mili-tary officers, since they had deliberately not been informed of the pending operation out of fear Mr. Matta would learn of it. A meeting of the military's 55-member Superior Council after the operation was therefore unusually

didn't know in advance about what had happened, and a few were embarrassed because they were the ones involved and hadn't told the others."

On April 7, a radio station here, Radio America, broadcast a list of what it described as senior mili-tary officers involved in drug traf-ficking, which the United States had given to Mr. Azcona. The list was also published the next day in the newspaper El Tiempo.

On Monday, the president's of-

fice described as "completely false the affirmation that Azcona has in his power a list of presumed Honduran narcomilitares, since no person, either Honduran or foreign, galado Hernandez. "Some people were embarrassed because they or government has made such a list available to him."

It said that Mr. Azcona had recently met with the former U.S. amhassador, John D. Negroponte, who now deals with Latin American affairs at the National Security Council, and the current ambassador, Everett A. Briggs, but described the meeting as "a courtesy visit" in which "at no moment was drug trafficking discussed."

Whether the list came from the United States or elsewhere, and regardless of its accuracy, Hondu-ran officials and diplomats said they were convinced its being made public was another salvo in the battle for control of the mili-

This is an extremely sensitive and serious matter, and Radio America could never have made the list public without the backing of some group in the military," a Honduran official said. They were able to do it because they bad the support of some very

to the American Embassy. Honduran and foreign officials said the impetus for the demonstration came from the rector of the university, who has strong ties to the military and had met with senior officers earlier in the day. The students, most of whom

National Autonomous University

began a march from their campus

had rightist views, were joined by leftists, and a large and aggressive mob quickly gathered in front of the embassy annex, where the building and cars in a parking lot were set on fire. Despite repeated calls for help by U.S. officials, the police force, which in Honduras is a hranch of the military, did not show up for more than two hours. It has yet to be established who fired the gunshots that killed at least two students or onlookers and as many as five, according to local press accounts. But witnesses said the shots clearly came from within the crowd, and not from the embassy itself.

Hondaran officials and diplomats said the embassy demonstra-tion was clearly encouraged by the military; though the violence was prohably unexpected. But the reasons for the military's reported. incitement of the demonstration On April 7, students from the remain unclear.

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Short Takes Remember lows, the bellwether state with "an outsize say in picking the next president," as Time magazine said on its Jan. 25 cover? It did not happen that way. Representa-tive Richard A. Gephardt, a bands - no way!" Democrat, and Senator Bob Dole, a Republican, won the lowa caucuses Feb. S. After reverses elsewhere, both have f

On Handling of Nuclear Weapons On one hand, Mr. Dukakis WASHINGTON — A dispute stresses the need to eliminate accurate ballistic missiles that carry this week between Governor Mimultiple warheads. But it is unclear chael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts how the United States would develand Senator Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee has called attention to op a different type of missile arsenal if it adhered to a ban on flight Mr. Dukakis's views on arms contests on ballistic missiles. And Mr. Dukakis's opposition to the Mid-. Mr. Gore, one of Mr. Dukakis's getman program means he is rivals for the Democratic presidenagainst the only program under way to develop a single-warhead tial nomination, has charged that whe governor's lack of experience in missile.

Dukakis Pressed

On Arms Control

Gore and Others Question Position

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service

this area led him to make a "signifi-cant mistake" in describing the At-

lantic alliance's policy for using nu-

A review of Mr. Dukakis's com-

ments suggests that he did not

make an important mistake, that he

was basically restating orthodox

policy of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization: that the Western al-

liance reserves the right to initiate the use of nuclear weapons in response to an attack by the Soviet Union with conventional weapons.

Moreover, some of Mr. Dukakis a arms control positions are in the mainstream, such as his asser-

tion that he would seek to complete

a new treaty reducing long-range

interject dramatic new proposals in

trol have received a skeptical, if not

critical, response from military an-

Some of these ideas have been

largely overlooked so far in the

presidential campaign.

The most detailed presentation

of Mr. Dukakis's views on arms

control were provided in response

to questions by the Arms Control

Association, a private group, and

published in January in the maga-

zine Arms Control Today. Io his response, Mr. Dukakis

stressed the need to try to negotiate a ban on accurate ballistic missiles

that carry more than one warhead.

can be used to take out a hardened

missile site, giving the country that

has it first-strike capability, as op-

posed to a missile that can only be

used against population centers

and is primarily useful only as a

Mr. Dukakis also said that be

would seek a "mutual moratorium

on flight tests of strategic ballistic

missiles to set the stage for an agreement on deep reductions of

Mr. Dukakis stressed the need to hold down expenditures on strate-

gic weapons, while channeling funds to nonnuclear conventional

AMERICAN

TOPICS

Colleges Rejecting

Middling Applicants

American colleges are in-creasingly rejecting B and C-plus sindents who were accept-able a few years ago. This

results from a second straight year of record college applica-

nons, enabling many colleges to

life blood of our education sys-tem, that are getting really squashed," Howard Greene, an

educational consultant, told

The New York Times, Many

will end up at less-renowned, or

less academically rigorous, in-

York's Brockport campus is typical It received 7,909 appli-

cations for a class of 900, a 28

percent jump over 1987. "The

early returns," a spokeswoman said, "indicate that it is a stron-

ger applicant pool and that the

mean average, the rank in class and the standardized test scores

No one has figured out why

applications have surged when the number of 18-year-olds is

smaller than at any time since

1968. One theory is that a col-

will all be higher."

The State University of New

"It's the middle group, the

be more selective.

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An "accurate" missile is one that

alysts even in his own party.

However, some of Mr. Dukakis's other recent remarks on arms con-

arms control talks.

clear weapons.

Asked whether his views were inconsistent, Mr. Dukakis answered in general terms about the need to end the arms race.

James Steinberg, deputy issues director for the Dukakis campaign, provided a more detailed response, uch appeared to qualify some of Mr. Dukakis's earlier proposals.

Mr. Steinberg said that there was no contradiction in Mr. Dukakis's position because a prohibition on flight tests might only be a tempo-rary measure to hold the situation in place" and prevent each side from improving the accuracy of their missiles pending further nego-

In addition, Mr. Steinberg addarms along current lines and not ed, the prohibition might be drafted so as to allow test flights of possible new, stabilizing weapons, such as a new single-warhead missile that would be put in silos.

While some of Mr. Dukakis's arms control ideas put him in agreement with some liberal arms control groups, they also place him somewhat outside the mainstream of some former officials and experts of his own party.

Mr. Dukakis, for example, has expressed reservations over the navy's D-5 missile, an accurate long-range, submarine-based weapon. While supporting re-search, Mr. Dukakis has said that he would withhold deployment of the missile pending efforts to abolish accurate missiles that carry multiple warheads.

Arms control activists seized on the issue of the D-5 before the lowa caucuses. They contended that the weapons would increase the capability of the United States to mount a first strike against the Soviet Union and were, therefore, destabilizing to the arms balance.

But some former Carter administration officials like Paul C. Warnke, the former director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Walter B. Slocombe, a former senior Pentagon official, have argued that the D-5 is a worthwhile program.

"I would go ahead with it," said Mr. Warnke. "What we really want is a survivable system."

programs, For example, Mr. Duka-kis said that he opposed the air Mr. Warnke added that Moscow's decision to develop two new force's Midgetman program to detypes of land-based mobile missiles velop a new, mobile single-warhead missile that is intended to be less that can clude missile attack "substantially vittates" the argument A principal criticism of some specialists is that these proposals do not hang together.

that the D-5 missile would provide the United States with a first-strike Reagan, saying: "Why did you pay capability.

at Mr. Bush and President Ronald Reagan, saying: "Why did you pay \$200,000 a year to a dope-peddling,

since quit the race. Bonnie J. Campbell, state Democratic chairwoman, finds cheer in this.

"The biggest criticism of Iowa's role was that the campaign be-gan and ended here," she said, adding that next time, in 1992, "You can't lay that rap on lowa." Steve Roberts, state chairman of the Dole campaign, said lowa should hang onto its first-in-the-country status as the best chance for agriculture and the heartland "to send a message to Washington" about their problems.

When a pilotless Soviet spacecraft explores the Martian moon Phobos a year from now, it will leave behind a plaque commemorating the discovery in 1877 of the two moons of Mars, Deimos and Phobos, by Asaph Hall, an astronomer at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington. The plaque was suggested by Hall's great-greatgrandson. Andrew Hyde of Alexandria, Virginia. Officials of the observatory and the Na-tional Aeronautics and Space Administration designed the aluminum plaque and the Soviet Union agreed to send it

Federal biologists captured 63 sea otters off central California last fall and relocated them on San Nicolas Island, 200 miles (325 kilometers) south. The aim was to establish a new otter colony in case disease, a major oil spill or some other catastrophe wiped out the original one. But only 21 otters, most of them under 5 years old, are known for certain to have remained in their new home. At least nine older otters have been sighted in their old haunts and many of the rest may have swum back as well. In the future, only younger

otters will be relocated.

Some leminists contend that God is a woman, but not Elby Williams of Granada Hills, California, who says in a letter to the Los Angeles Times: "No female God would program just women to give birth, nurse babies, nurture children, care for the home, do all the cleaning and the cooking, work outside of the home, holding down two jobs while putting up with overbearing and inconsiderale hus-

Arthur Higbee



Leona and Harry B. Helmsley, billionaire hotel and realestate magnates who face tax evasion charges in New York.

Gadhafi Provides Funds

For Noriega, Bush Says

By Gerald M. Boyd

New York Times Service

dent George Bush asserted Friday that the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Ghadafi, was helping to

keep Panama's economy affoat by

providing "millions" of dollars to General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

to confirm Mr. Bush's charges,

which an aide to the vice president

said was based on U.S. intelligence.

"The vice president's comments

on Libya reflects the White

House's conclusions about Libya's

relationship with Noriega," said Marlin Fitzwater, the White House

spokesman. "We can't discuss our

intelligence sources, but that is our

Mr. Bush's comments, made in a

wide-ranging foreign policy speech in Washington at a convention of

the American Society of Newspa-

per Editors, offered a new explana-

tion by the Reagan administration

on why General Noriega has man-

aged to remain in power, despite

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Bush's comments also

were a response to a statement re-

leased earlier Friday by the leading

Democratic presidential candidate,

Governor Michael S. Dukakis of

Dukakis released a speech in which

he addressed a rhetorical question

gon-running Panamanian dicta-

He was referring to economic support the United States gave to

General Noriega, who has since been indicted on drug-trafficking charges in the United States.

Mr. Busb said Democratic

charges that the administration had

propped up General Noriega arc

"It is this administration that has

brought Noreiga to justice, or at

least taken the first step," be said.
"Noriega should go and Noriega

will go."
Mr. Bush repeated the adminis

tration's current view that the mili-

tary strongman should relinquish

power and allow Panama to return

"Currently we're in an effort to protect civilian rule in Panama against Noriega, an indicted drug trafficker," Mr. Bush said, "And so lar, he's stood up to this considerable accompanie pressure that

erable economic pressure that we've applied, and I can tell you

that he's receiving millions of dol-

Several reliable sources indicate

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Campaigning in New York, Mr.

Massachusetts.

U.S. efforts to force him out.

He declined to elaborate.

The White House moved quickly

WASHINGTON -- Vice Presi-

lars in support from Libya," he

continued. "We support democra-

cy in Panama as we do throughout

Latin America. And I'm convinced that if we handle it correctly, Nor-

iega will go, democracy will prevail,

and we can do it without exacerbat-

Mr. Dukakis has expanded his

delegate lead to 112 over the Rever-

end Jesse L. Jackson with the help

of support from members of Con-

Democratic National Convention.

The Associated Press reported Fri-

The Massachusetts governor now has 842,15 votes to 730.1 for

Mr. Jackson, Senator Albert Gore

Jr. of Tennesse has 416.55, while

delegate voters.

Although Mr. Dukakis's dele-

gate lead is becoming formidable, his total represents just 40 percent of the 2,082 delegates needed to

win the party's nomination,

Gadhafi Sees

Bush as Best

For President

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Colo-

nel Moammar Gadhafi, the

Libyan leader, says Vice Presi-dent George Bush is his choice

to succeed President Ronald

Reagan "because he has suf-

fered from the irrationality of

Reagan" and therefore "would

sort of make up for it." Colonel Gadhafi was inter-

viewed Thursday in Tripoli on

the second anniversary of the U.S. bombing raid there.

There was no immediate comment here on the Lihyan

leader's remarks by Mr. Bush.

The colonel said Libyan re-

lations with the United States

could improve, "but with Rea-gan it is impossible."

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The Making of Helmsley's N.Y. Empire

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NEW YORK - For decades, Harry B. Helmsley floated on the quirkiness of federal tax laws as he built one of the grandest realestate empires in the United States. On Thursday, those laws rose up out of the foundations of his holdings to jerk him hack down

A federal grand jury accused him and his wife and business partner. Leona, of fraudulently avoiding taxes.

The two evaded more than \$4 million in income taxes by fraudulently charging such personal luxuries as a marble dance floor above a swimming pool, a \$45,000 silver clock and a \$130,000 stereo system to their hotel and real-estate empire. The authorities said Thursday.

Mrs. Helmsley, described as "the Queen" in advertisements for the hotel chain, was charged separately with extorting kickbacks from suppliers and contractors, a federal crime that carries a maximum penalty of 20 vears in prison. The couple has denied all wrongdoing and

vowed to fight the charges. However the case is resolved, it is likely to offer a portrait of the New York real-estate business as it evolved after World War II from a local industry into the favored child of the U.S. tax code. No one outside of the Helmsley organiza-

tion knows for certain the value of Mr. Helmsley's holdings. He has interests in at least 300 properties with a market value that

U.S. Navy Court

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In 3 Homicides

WASHINGTON - A U.S.

Navy appeals court has overturned

the negligent homicide and invol-

uniary manslaughter convictions of

patients and strongly criticizing the

military trial that sent the physi-

fraction of the total.

'I doubt even Harry has any way of knowing what he's worth," said Bernard H. Mendik, a competitor who owns and manages office towers in Manhattan. "If you could figure out how much of each property he owns, then you'd have to subtract the mortgages and the other obligations. After that, you'd have to figure out in this crazy market

what the buildings would bring."

Mr. Helmsley may have made himself a billionaire by buying and holding on to real estate through three decades of inflation. Virtually all his business interests are grouped loosely under the umbrella of The Helmsley Organization. Through it he controls Helmsley-Spear Inc., a brokerage company: Helmsley Hotels Inc., and various operating compa-

The organization manages such landmarks as the Empire State Building, the Graybar Building and the Flatton Building.

Mr. Helmsley, 80, began his real-estate career in the 1920s as a broker and rent collector in such rough Manhattan neighborhoods as Hell's Kitchen, which has since been gentrified into a neighborhood known as Clinton. During the Depression, he scavenged properties at tax sales or bought foreclosed properties at distress prices.

By attracting one or two additional tenants and cutting the operating costs, he turned them into profitable enterprises.

But the leap in his fortunes occurred in the

Mr. Wien had pioneered the use of syndicates

to buy and hold properties while protecting them from high corporate tax rates, The properties Mr. Helmsley bought with Mr. Wien often paid investors a guaranteed return of 10 percent or more each year, extraordinarily high in the 1950s and early

1960s. In addition, the partners often received helty profits when the properties were The two men seldom invested much of their own money, but the layers of partnerships they created enabled them to end up with a large share of the profits from rents

and the eventual sale of the property. By the late 1960s, Mr. Helmsley had ventured out on his own, building new office towers and acquiring some of the largest residential developments in New York. By the mid-1980s, he had grown weary of fighting with tenants, and switched his attention

hotels and industrial properties. The venture into botels represented a dramatic change in Mr. Helmsley's investment philosophy. At the same time, Mrs. Helmsley began to exert increasing influence over his isiness interests.

Leona, now 68, mei Harry in 1968 when she was selling residential real estate in Manhattan. In 1970, already a millionaire, she came to work in one of his brokerage firms as a senior executive. He divorced his first wife

and married Leona two years later.

Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY - Mexican of-U.S. Senate's overwhelming vote for economic sanctions against Mexico for purportedly failing to cooperate fully in the fight against

a heart surgeon. Donal M. Billig, Mexican condemnations of the clearing him of the deaths of three U.S. Senate vote Thursday night dominated front pages and editorial columns bere.

cian to prison two years ago. In an opinion released Thursday. the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review described the prosecution of Dr. Billig as a smear campaign."
The panel ruled that he should

trol efforts. be set free, reinstated in the navy and receive back pay at the rank of commander rank that amounts to nearly \$120,000. He was convicted in March 1986 of negligent surgical practices that led to the deaths of three of his patients.

The court charged lax proce dures at Bethesda Naval Hospital in 1983 created confusion over Dr. Billig's proficiency as a surgeon and, in a review of the deaths that formed the basis of his conviction, found that be did not hold sole, if any, responsibility for the deaths. Questions about his vision, the court said, were not properly addressed by the hospital.

"We simply find no negligence, gross or simple, on the part of Dr. Billig," the court said.

Mexico Assails U.S. Senate Censure The statement, which sources fect U.S. interests, sponsors of the By William A. Orme Jr.

drug traffic.

Mexican officials and U.S. diplomats expressed concern that even if the Senate measure is vetoed, as is expected, by President Ronald Reagan, the bitterness it has gener-ated could hamper future drug con-

Attorney General Sergio Garcia Ramirez, who has been praised by the Reagan administration for his commitment to narcotics control, released a statement expressing profound sbock and great displeasure" at the Senate move.

American politicians "are ignor-ing the great efforts of the Mexican people to combat a problem whose causes are certainly not attribut-able to Mexico," the statement said. "Once again a reminder is necessary that it is the vast consumer market that encourages drug traffic, and it is equally necessary to point out that there is in those same centers of consumption a an escape clause in the 1986 law

there drugs."

ficials reacted angrily Friday to the serted that "thousands of Mexicans tions were unlikely to take effect risk their lives and security daily to even if approved by both houses. protect our own population and other communities, especially the North Americans," against the influx of drugs.

The U.S. Senate, brushing aside

warnings by the Reagan adminis-tration that the vote could seriously damage U.S.-Mexican relations, voted 63 to 27 on Thursday to reject President Reagan's certification of Mexico as complying with a 1986 law that threatens sanctions against countries that fall short in helping the United States fight

against drug trafficking If the House joins the Senate in approving the sanctions against Mexico, it would be the first country that Congress has decertified under the 1986 law,

The Senate bill would mandate an end to foreign aid to Mexico and require U.S. officials to oppose credits to the country from multilateral lenders like the World Bank. Mexico receives virtually no U.S. foreign aid except for a \$15.5 million contribution to its narcotles eradication program, but it relies beavily on multilateral financing for its economic recovery program.

Because of the veto threats and growing output of natural and syn- allowing the president to disregard sanctions that could adversely af-

said was issued at the instruction of anti-Mexico move conceded the President Miguel de la Madrid, as-vote was largely symbolic and sanc-Mexico's foreign secretary. Ber

nardo Sepúlveda Amor, in a terse reaction to Thursday night's vote. said "no power can arrogate to itself the right to certify the conduct of other societies or governments.

American diplomats also voiced dismay at the Senate move, saying it would place new strains on relations and could jeopardize future U.S.-Mexican drug eradication efforts. They noted that it contradicted the U.S. support for Mexico's drug eradication campaign voiced by President Reagan during his February visit to Mexico.



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Chirac Aides Play Down Issue's Impact on Voters

PARIS - As he boldly seeks a second seven-year term, President François Milterrand has sought to give foreign policy a central place

But his main rival, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, has played down an issue where the president has the constitutional upper hand. "The French do not consider for-

eign pulicy to be a major stake in the campaign," argued a senior aide to Mr. Chirac. They bave the feeling that foreign policy will be the same whoever is president."

Two taut years of power-sbaring between the Socialist president and the conservative prime minister have strengthened France's longstanding consensus in foreign affairs in several ways. In loose tan-dem. both men bave nudged France away from Gaullist self-reliance and isolationism toward a Hades, which is to come into opera-greater involvement with the North tion in 1992 and have a range of Atlantic Treaty Organization and the defense of West Germany.

But despite the public's lack of interest in foreign policy issues, accents being struck by the president

Sikh Separatists Kill 5, Including Hindu Leader

CHANDIGARH, India - Sikh militants Friday killed five persons in different incidents across Pun-jab, including a local leader of a rightist Hindu party that has opposed their separatist campaign in the northern state, police said.

Prakash Chand Dua, a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, was shot to death at his shop.

gences or shifts in the French consensus that many analysts say could come into the upen after the May 8 runoff vote.

With an eye on Communist and other leftist voters, Mr. Mitterrand bas declared disarmament to be a "principal stake" in the election, an assertion nowhere buttressed by public opinion polls, which show Frenchmen worried about unemployment and the economy. But behind such campaign declarations lies the president's rethinking of French strategic doctrine.

Evidently influenced by West German sensitivities about shortrange nuclear weapons, Mr. Mitterrand is elaborating a strategy that relies on long-range systems, like submarine-launched missiles, that can strike the Soviet Union. The approach implicitly raises doubts about a new French missile, the 340 kilometers (210 miles).

Within Mr. Mitterrand's Socialist Party, thought is already being given to scrapping the Hades, whose development between 1987 and 1991 is expected to cost \$1.3 billion, as a way to make financing available for education and other nonmilitary uses.

A senior presidential adviser insisted that Mr. Mitterrand's stratec "clarification" was independent of such budgetary considerations, but be acknowledged that the Hades and even conventional forces might have to be cut below the \$84 billion projected by the 1987-1991 military program proposed by the Chirac government. The Socialist

ing of the bill is not assured," said ment initiatives.

By James M. Markham and the prime minister show diverthe adviser, who added that even Finance Minister Edouard Balladur was concerned about France's Socialist problem. This is a prob-

lem for everyone."

In a speech on military policy,
Mr. Chirac said he favored extending the range of the Hades — so that it would not land on West German territory — and also en-dorsed the planned construction of second aircraft carrier for the French Navy.

But in a campaign where questions like the solvency of the social security system are in the forefront of voters' concerns, it is significant that he has refrained from accusing the Socialists of wanting to trim the military budget. The only candidate to propose a specific military program is Raymond Barre, a con-servative, who has called for France to build the neutron bomb.

In a "Letter to all Frenchmen" in which he sketched his electoral program, Mr. Mitterrand sarcastically praised Mr. Chirac's "sacrifice" in abandoning initial support for President Ronald Reagan's Strate-gic Defense Initiative and in giving up opposition to the superpower accord banning medium-range missiles in Europe. "France was able to speak with one voice." the president wrote. But the president's adviser ar-

gued that a key foreign policy dif-ference with Mr. Chirac remained the approach to disarmament and the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev. The aide argued that Mr. Mitterrand was genuinely interested in seeing the superpowers achieve "equilibrium at a lower level," while Mr. Chirac's camp was Party voted for the bill.

"Everyone knows that the fundinclined to say "no" to all disarma-



President François Mitterrand, above, addressed students Friday before presidential elections that start April 24. Below, his Gaullist rival, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, spoke at a news conference.



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Paris Outlaws Cab 'Hot Seats'

PARIS - A "hot seat" for taxicabs capable of jolting ag-gressors with a powerful elec-tric shock has been hanned by the Paris police.

Only a few of the city's 14,000 cahs had heen equipped with the devices. Associations of transport users had said there was a risk of accidents in using the device, manufactured in Israel and Brazil and under Paris police study since October.

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

Spain to Remember

1492 Purge of Jews In 1992, it will be 500 years since a royal decree ordered Jews to convert to Roman Catholicism or be expelled from Spain. The decree followed a century of anti-Semitic persecunon and all but wiped out Juda-

ism in Spain.
Toledo, the former capital, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) south of Madrid, has been chosen to mark the commemoration of the Sephardic expulsion, The New York Times reports. About 400,000 Jews lived in Spain in 1492, 12,000 of them in the flourisbing Jewish quarter of Toledo. Figures are conflict-ing on bow many Jews stayed and converted and how many

Government and private committees of Jews and non-Jews, local and foreign, are working on several projects, in-cluding the restoration of the Jewisb quarter, a monument to Jewish contributions to Spain, seminars and art exhibits, and re-establishment of the Toledo School of Translators. The school, founded in the 13th century, was an example of the fu-sion of Christian, Arab and Jewish culture in the city until the Spanish fuquisition drove it

Dutch Accuse BASF Of Polluting Rhine

The Dutch authorities are threatening to sue the West German chemical giant BASF AG unless the company immediately stops dumping herbicide in the Rhine River. The Netherlands Rhine Water Companies Commission contends that BASF's Ludwigshame and the Rhine Water Companies Commission contends that BASF's Ludwigshame and the Rhine fen plant is dumping from 10 to 40 kilograms (22 to 88 pounds) a day of benlazone, a highly

toxic agent.

About 2.5 million people, almost a sixth of the Dutch population, depend on the Rhine for their water. A European Community regulation on the quali-ty of drinking water sets the standard for the amount of bentazone at 0.1 micrograms a liter (about a quart), but Dutch water supply companies recently found levels of up to 1.6 micrograms. They say BASF has been dumping bentazone since 1971, but it was detected only last year when new water lests were introduced.

The Amsterdam water au-thority said BASF agreed last

month to reduce its bentazone dumpings by 90 percent over the next two years. The compa-ny also plans to spend 2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.2 billion) to reduce pollution caused by the Ludwigshafen plant a BASF spokesman said.

Around Europe

Italy has approved a law making judges personally liable in civil damage suits for errors. The measure makes the state responsible for paying damages to citizens in case of wrongful convictions due to major mistakes or malice by judges. The state will be allowed to reclaim up to a third of a judge's annual salary. A judicial court will de-cide whether damage claims against judges are legitimate.

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For the first time since World War II, Warsaw has a kosher restaurant, if only for two weeks. The Adria restaurant started serving kosher food on Wednesday for Orthodox Jews arriving in the city from Israel, the United States, Latin America and Western Europe to mark the 1943 ghetto uprising against the Nazis. A rabbi, a kosher butcher and three cooks, all from Vienna, oversee the kitchen. A striptease floor show has been replaced by poetry readings. Several thousand visitors. including two Israeli cabinet ministers, are in Poland to attend ceremonies commemorating the uprising.

Sheila Davis, a divorce coun-selor in Birmingham, England, has invented a special ceremony to make divorce less tranmatic. She asks couples to join hands with her and say something like: "Goodbye, thank you for the good times in our marriage. I wish you luck. Our relation-ship will continue as mother and father of our children but not as hushand and wife." About 50 couples have been "unmarried" this way in Bir-mingham, and several welfare officers and marriage counsel-ing services in Britain have welcomed the idea.

Men wearing hats are becom-ing a rare sight in West Germa ny, according to a survey publisbed in the newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Only & percent of men say they wear hats all the time, or very often, compared with 75 percent in 1956. Most of those wearing hats are over 59. The survey also set out to determine the characteristics of the typical hat-wearer. It concluded that men who wear hats have more self-confidence than those with-

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John Stonehouse, Ex-U.K. Minister Who Faked His Drowning, Is Dead

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LONDON — John Stonehouse,
62, a former British Labor cabinet
minister who faked his own drowning in Florida died Thursday after

was released in 1979 after serving
nearly half the term.

His mysterious disappearance
Thursday after

West followed by a presentative of the process of ing in Florida, died Thursday after a heart attack.

Mr. Stonehouse disappeared on a Miami beach in November, 1974, leaving behind a pile of clothes, a wife, tangled business affairs and suspicions that he was an East Bloc spy who had defected. He was discovered a month later in Australia with his secretary, two false passports and large sums of money.

He had staged his own drowning to evade an insurance fraud scan-

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was followed by press reports that be was named as a spy by a Czecboslovak defector. The Labor prime minister at the time, Harold Wilson, said the allegations were investigated and proved groundless. Mr. Stonehouse served as aviation minister in the Labor govern-

ment in 1967, postmaster general from 1968 to 1969 and minister of posts and lelecommunications his release from prison, he married dal that eventually led to a seven- the secretary. Sheila Buckley.

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Dining Out-

NEW YORK (NYT) — Former Representative James Domen geaux, 81, who is credited with helping to preserve the French language in his native state of Louisiana, died Monday of leukemia....

Mr. Domengeanx, who had learned to speak French from his parents but was not taught to read or write it, founded the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, an organization to promotefrom 1969 to 1970. Two years after his release from prison, he married schools. He was awarded the Leegion of Honor by France in 1975 and in 1986 he was promoted to a commander of the legion. Other deaths:

Kenneth Williams, 62, one of Britain's most colorful comedians, and star of numerous "Carry On. . "films, in London on Friday."
His raucous laugh and effermante. manner with its sexual immendo delighted radio audiences in programs such as "Round the Horn"

and "Beyond Our Ken," Camilla Ravera, 98, a feminist and one of the founders of Italy's Communist Party, in Rome on Thursday. She was the first woman elected to the Italian Senate.

Karol Fageros Short, 53, a former tennis champion who was banned from wearing gold lame underwear at Wimbledon 30 years. ago, Tuesday of cancer in South Miami, Florida. She was a finalist at the U.S. Clay Court Champion-ship, the French Open and a semifi-nalist at Wimbledon.

Dave Prater Sr., 50-of the Grave my-Award winning Sam and Dave soul duo who sang the 1960s hit "Hold On, I'm Comin," in an auto mobile accident Saturday near Sycamore, Georgia.

There She Is, Miss Moscow

MOSCOW - Russian beauties will sing dance and parade in evening govers in the first "Miss Moscow" contest beginning here Friday.
But spectators apparently
will not be offered a popular
feature of Western beauty

contests - the swimsuit com-Press reports Thursday in vited entrants 17 to 27 years old to sign up for the opening round, to be held at Gorky. Park. They said judges would view talent competitions a costume ball and formal wear.

Four rounds of competition are planned, ending in June. A national contest is planned in November.

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FRANCE'S CAMPAIGN / Jean-Marie Le Pen

The Race So Far

Two weeks before the first round of French voting on April 24, Mr. Le Pen's former wife, Pierrette, gave two magazine interviews in which she accused him of anti-Semitism and said his anti-immigration stance stemmed from racist sentiments. However, analysts said that Le Pen voters, used to such allegations against their candidate, were unlikely to be influenced by her remarks. Mr. Le Pen has the support of a steady 11 percent to 12 percent of French woters, according to published opinion polls. But he and some government officials who have access to confidential Interior Ministry polls maintain that these estimates are too low. The officials put Mr. Le Pen's support at nearer 15 percent. If this figure turns out to be realistic, the National Front leader could become a political power broker and severely embarrass the established conservative parties that repeatedly have said they would not contemplate a positi-cal alliance with the far right. Although Mr. Le Pen is likely to gather a significant number of votes in the first round of voting, pollsters do not see his support playing a measurable role in the runoff vote on May 8. Many of his voters, analysts say, are either former conservatives, disaffected with the traditional parties, or former Communists, seeking a new outlet to vent their grievances. Accordingly, the National Front vote can be expected to fragment in the second round.

Profile

President of the National Front, which he founded in 1972. Age 59. A National Assembly deputy for Paris since March 1986. Lawyer; lieutenant in the French Army in Indochina 1954, Egypt during the British-French Suez expedition 1956, Algeria 1956-58; deputy for Paris constituencies 1956-62; director of a record company known particularly for a series of 20th-century political speeches and songs; member of the European Parliament since

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animarried this way in B. Arabs] that their fathers fought for a fatherland. Let them stay there. I You are not surprised singham, and several selection to see cancer victims in centers specializing in officers and marriage wood cancer ... but you are surprised when we propose that AIDS victims, who are terribly contagious, should be isolated . . . I propose that in a Men wearing hats are been ag a rare sight in West Gene country where there is a lot of contact with contaminated countries, particularly Africa and America, that we should enforce, as a certain is yes in the nearbing. number of countries already do, systematic tests Frankfurter Allgemene Is-tung Orly Person of many they west hats all the time of of people coming in. I Never has the world been more dangerous. Never has the future been less predictable. Yet never have the men who have the honor of being at the head of our percent in 1950. Must of the country appeared less sure of themselves. ... The reason stems from the fact that they no wearing have one out M. Th. longer know why they govern. When they do know, they no longer date to say so.

The 1988 presidential campaign is a battle for France and its rebirth.

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Socialism is to capitalism what mistletoe is to an apple tree: a parasite. When the apple tree dies, the mistletoc Syriske Looga dies. ** I prefer economic systems that create



nouveaux riches to systems that create new poverty."

On the Issues

Foreign Policy/Defense: Strongly supports a pan-European and "autonomous" defense system. "It is humiliating for 350 million Europe-ans to call on 220 million Americans to defend them. .. It is scandalous that Europe is still divided by the Iron Curtain and subject to the unjust Yalta accords that oppress the peoples of

Budget/Economy/Taxes: Would reduce the role of the state and, in so doing, the nation's tax bill. "We want to reduce the number of civil servants, to limit and simplify the system of payments and progressively to suppress income

Unemployment: Would seek to reduce social charges to encourage the creation of new jobs. This way they will be able to create jobs for the French. Let us give priority to the French over foreigners from outside the European Community. Let us give women the financial opportunity to leave their jobs to devote themselves to the upbringing of their children."

Education: Believes that education is "infiltrated" by socialists who indoctrinate children, thereby encouraging mediocrity. "We want schools of quality that transmit knowledge and our cultural heritage and develop a taste for effort and for elementary civic morals." Says that the status of teachers should be improved to raise general standards.

Immigration/Domestic Policy: "Immigration from the Third World has affected the standard of living of many French people; it is a source of criminality, aggravates unemployment and brings national identity into question... We want a policy of return for immigrants." Wants the death penalty to be reintroduced for murderers, drug traffickers and terrorists.

Compiled by Julian Nundy

Israel Says It Plans to Free Youths

JERUSALEM — The Israeli commander of the occupied West Bank said Friday that several doz-

en Palestinians would be released over the weekend. General Amram Mitzna told Israeli Arabic television. "I intend to release in the coming days all youths up to the age of 16, not

including those who have committed serious offenses." The release apeared to be aimed at coinciding with the start of the Islamie holy month of Ramadan.

At the United Nations in New York, the United States vetoed a resolution in the Security Council on Friday that would have censured Israel for its harsb response to the Palesunian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

The 14 other members voted for the proposal submitted by Algeria. Argentina, Nepal Senegal, Yugoslavia and Zambia

This was the fifth round of discussion in the council since the up-rising began Dec. 9, and the second time since Feb. I that the United States exercised its veto power in the issue.

The Americans voted for a resolution on Jan. 5 that called on Israel to reseind deportation orders against Palestinians accused of instigating the revolt.

The latest draft resolution con-

demned "those polices and prac-tices of Israel, the occupying power, which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and in particular the opening of fire by the Israeli Army, resulting in the killing and wounding of defenseless Palestinian civilians.

The territories, meanwhile, were calm Friday.

An army spokesman said there were no demonstrations reported

Thursday that the four-month pro-test, in which at least 143 Palestinians and two Israelis bave been killed, was waning because Arabs were less monivated to riot against Israeli rule.

Palestinian sources, bowever, said they were unable to demon-strate because Israeli troops sur-In southern Lebanon, pro-Israeli militiamen of the South Lebanese

Army bombed a house that they said was used as a guerrilla hideout and killed three Palestinians, security sources said.

Talks Begin on Aiding Afghan Refugees

Washington Past Service
GENEVA — The United Nations High Commissioner for Refutalks with Pakistan. Afghanistan and other nations to organize the return home of 5.5 million Afghan refugees.

Speaking a day after the signing of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan, Jean-Pierre Hocke said his organization faced "a number of unknown factors" in trying to organize what he stressed must be a program of "voluntary" return home by the refugees. He said the program would cost "bundreds of millions of dollars."

He conceded that he was unable to estimate now "when and how many" refugees were likely to re-turn to Afghanistan because of the probability of continued fighting between the Kabul government and the U.S.-armed Afghan resistance and because the Geneva agreement did not include Iran. where some Afghans fled

program would get under way "as quickly as possible."

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The UN agency will make Nations and major countries able to provide aid have yet to organize tion program within the next 10 an effort to belp return the Alghan

plained that the United Nations had not appointed a high-level official to oversee the repatriation. The

New York Times reported.] to those returning "wherever they may be" to assure that their initial

needs are met. Financing for the repatriation program also is in question, though Mr. Hocke said many governments already had expressed a willingness to provide "substantial amounts." He cited Britain's recent announce

ment of a £10 million contribution. The United States has not indicated yet whether it will make a contribution specifically for a UNled repatriation program. Secretary of State George P. Shultz has said the Soviet Union should bear a large part of the cost because it has been responsible for much of the devastation and flight of Alghans.

He said he hoped a repatriation # U.S. Sees Slow Planning U.S. officials and leaders of refu-

ays, he said. refugees to their homes. The New York Times reported from Wash-

United States and refugee organizations, the UN secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar, has not

decided whether to appoint a high-level official to coordinate the resettlement effort and help raise funds, these officials say.

U.S. officials say the UN refugee organization has not been forthcoming with data requested by the United States on such basic matters as food and transportation.

Soviets Criticize U.S.

Less than 24 hours after the signing of the Geneva accords on Afchanistan, Tass accused the United States on Friday of trying to ruin the agreement by continuing to supply weapons to insurgents lighting the Kabul government, news agencies reported from Moscow.

policy of neoglobalism, a course of export of counterrevolution," the official Soviet news agency said. Tass said private and public fig-ures from various countries had

Washington is confirming its

bailed the agreement, which paves the way for the start of the with-drawal, on May 15, of the esamat-ed 115,000 Soviet troops in Af-

But, Tass said, the U.S. government has been reacting "in a typical Washington manner."
It said the U.S. government was

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interfering in Afghan-Soviet relations by insisting that the Soviet Union stop its military aid to Afghanistan's Marxist government.

U.S. officials have said they will continue aiding rebels lighting the Afghan government as long as So-

viet military supplies to the regime of Major General Najib continue. A government spokesman in Moscow said Friday that the Soviet Union would reveal the strength of its troop force in Afghanistan occe the soldiers have begun pulling out

next month. The Foreign Ministry spokes-man, Vadim Perfityev, describing the Soviet war dead as "a huge loss for our country," also suggested that official casualty figures would be published when the withdrawal

begins. In Islamabad, Pakistan, Afghan rebels said they fired rockets at Afghan government posts near the Pakistani border, killing more than 10 soldiers. The guerrillas have rejected the accord signed Thursday.
(AP. Reuters, UPI)

Soviet Daily Admits Error On Stalin Story

MOSCOW — A Soviet newspaper declared Friday that it had erred in publishing a controversial article that has been denounced as a manifesto for opponents of "peres-troika," Mikhail S. Gorbareconstruction

Sovietskaya Rossiya, the Communist Party daily of the Russian Federation, the largest of the Soviet Union's 15 republics, said publication of the article on March 13 had been a mistake.

The letter said the repressions of Stalin had been exaggerated and that criticism of his policies encouraged nihilism among Soviet youth, Sovietskaya Rossiya said

Friday that the letter's publi-

cation was a mistake because it had distracted people from the reform program. "It was admitted that while preparing the letter for publicanon there was a lack of a responsible and balanced attitude and understanding that it sidetracks us all from the revo-

lutionary renovation of society based on democracy and openness," Sovietskaya Rossi-ya said.

in the West Bank and Gaza Strip following weekly Moslem prayers. The army chief of staff, Lieuten-ant General Dan Shomron, said

rounded mosques in several towns.

AFGHAN: Despite Accord, Chaos Is Nation's Destiny rejection of Pakistan's proposal to the Shiite minority. The majority of

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having failed to win a civil war in which it has intervened. The Geneva agreement, according to representatives of all its sign-

ers, provides for the continuation of Afghanistan's civil war minus the Soviet army and air force. American officials do not allow themselves to be quoted on the matter. But Soviet officials inter-

viewed in Europe, diplomats of the Kabul government and President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan see only fighting of indefinite duration after the departure of the last Soviet soldier. The Kabul regime offers what it calls reconciliation. By this it means peace on its terms, with the government of Major General Najih diluted in posts of lesser impor-

gime calls the opposition. The seven-party guerrilla alli-ance based in Peshawar, Pakistan, rejects any cooperation with the Communist government and promises not to lay down its largely U.S.-supplied weapons until an "Islam-

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ic" government is installed in Kabul.

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(both active and retired) and then assembling a vast

range of materials into a history that reads like biography — the life story of a venerable but still rapidly

form a transition government dominated by the guerrillas before puting the accord into effect meant continued war. "Unless you have a government

that has the confidence of all these various factions, you can't have peace in Afghanistan," be said.

Western diplomats do not all share the U.S. and Pakistani view that the Communist government there is doomed. Some believe that the Russians may succeed in supervising a concentration of the regime's forces around the capital and along the Soviet border and maintain a corridor between the

Western analysis lay great em-phasis on the disunity of the seven-party guerrilla alliance. They expect that this will be compounded by the increased political power of guerrilla commanders once their forces occupy larger regions of Afghanistan as the Soviet troops ahandoo them and the weak gov-ernment army surrenders or is defeated in its isolated garrisons.

The seven guerrilla parties in Peshawar represent the Sunni Mos-General Zia told reporters at a lem majority in Afghanistan. Three radically militant one similar to luncheon Thursday that the Soviet other parties draw strength from that of the Moslem Brotherhood.

ists, who, before the overthrow of king Mohammed Zahir Shah in 1973, were making gradual beadway in Kahul. The Communist coup of 1978 and the Soviet intervention have discredited secularism among the guerrilla leadership and the largely

rural relugees, because the Com-munists have extended and has-tened secularization, particularly the release of women from religiously based isolation. As a result. Western and Pakistani analysts, as well as the few Afghans who worry about the reli-gious domination of the guerrilla movement, predict that the major battle in post-Soviet Afghanistan will be fought between those who want to return to traditional Afghan Islam and those who represent either a fundamentalist, Saudi-

inspired interpretation or a

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HIJACK: 2 Hostages Plead for Release of Militants

As the hijacking entered its 11th day, it appeared that the momentum of negotiations between the hijackers and Algerian and Kuwaiti officials had slowed consider-fably.

and the authorities centered on logistical arrangements for the transportation of food to the plane, cleaning the aircraft, and infresement visits by Dr. Venezef Mehdi quent visits by Dr. Youssef Mehdi,

an Algerian physician.

The Algerian authorities have stated repeatedly in radio broadcasts that they have every intention of settling the situation "peaceful-ly," giving the hijackers a sense of

cannot be monitored by the press. But various Algerian officials sug-

Algerian officials have said the ing in Algiers.

Knewain delegation in Algiers has no authority to make any concessand was urgently in need of an

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name with a Taiwanese passport.

rent a white Ford Fiesta which was

seen circling the area around the

USO club Thursday evening until it found a parking place in front of the club. Several witnesses on the

street described a person closely resembling Mr. Okudaira getting out of the car and hurriedly walk-

ing away shortly before the bomb, which was contained in the trunk,

The anti-terrorism specialist said

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had" was unknown previously and probably did not refer to a specific

organization. Members of the Jap-

anese Red Army, now largely inactive in Japan, have been present in the Middle East since the early

exploded.

BOMB: Japanese Sought in Italy

daira has been recognized as the man who checked into a small third class botel near the Naples train

station last Sunday under a faise speak to officials trying to find out

(Continued from Page 1) sions. They said the Kuwaitis have insulin injection. He was examined on board by Dr. Mehdi, who told fusal to release the 17 prisoners, out permission.

As the bijackers that Mr. Shatti was in imment danger of death and that about 90 people in Kuwait in 1983. board.

Handcuffs and Pistols

A. Kuwaiti official said Friday all times and were not allowed to

security.

In return Algeria has said it obtained a pledge from the hijackers on a Bangkok-Knwait flight.

In the seaming absence of any menace has clearly relaxed the hijackers, who appeared calm in their curifs, which he said he was forced to wear since the plane landed in Iran on April 5 after being hijacked on a Bangkok-Knwait flight.

He said the remaining hostages, whom he estimated to number about 30, were grouped in seats directly above the plane's fuel tanks. The official said Mr. Shatiful told the Kuwaiti delegation that whom he estimated to number about 30, were grouped in seats directly above the plane's fuel tanks. The official said Mr. Shath told the Kuwaiti delegation that four bombs consisting of sticks of explosives connected by wires were

control tower.

There is also a direct cable telemiddle of the plane.

Among the hostages are three members of the Kuwaiti royal fammembers of the Kuwaiti royal fammembers. ily, and at least four crew members. gested that private talks bave slowed down to a trickle as neither side is putting forward new initiatives.

Hy, and a reast room least to the fifty-seven passengers were released in Iran and another 13 in Cyprus, where the jet was flown after leaving Iran and before land-

■ Japanese Held in U.S.

ed from Newark, New Jersey.

Yu Kikumura is being held on

in fines and up to 15 years in pris-

bombings that killed and wounded it was impossible to treat him on

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equipped, compared with Mr. Nix-"He looks better and better," said Alexander M. Haig Jr., the former White House chief of staff

months of his presidency.

Mr. Haig added, "There are a great many Americans who have seen other scandals since Waterand so forth - so that they tend to put Watergate in a more balanced

Former members of his adminis-tration also said Mr. Nixon has had a good sense of public relations, often remaining discreet, recognizing that an aggressive stance would go over badly with the public but that occasional measured declara-

station last Sunday under a faise why be was carrying three bombs in his car on the New Jersey Turnpike, The Associated Press reportfederal charges of possessing a fraudulent visa and illegally pos-sessing unregistered firearms. If Nixon's legal adviser in the Water-gate affair. "He's always known that the leader should have a sense convicted, he faces up to \$260,000 of distance, that he generates more attention and carries more weight that way."

Mr. Kikumura, 35, was arrested by a state trooper Tuesday, au-thorities said. U.S. officials have been unable to confirm statements by the Japanese Foreign Ministry that Mr. Kikumura is a suspected member of the Red Army, said John C. McGlinley, special agent in charge of the FBI's Newark office.

Mr. Shatti reported that all the

hostages were handcuffed and were not allowed to leave their seats exthat Mr. Shatti, 70, the passenger released Thursday, reported that all of the hostages had their hands handcuffed behind their backs at pistol pointed at the bostage's back.

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According to the Kuwaiti official in Algiers, Mr. Shatti reported that the hostage worst affected was Fadhet al-Sabah, 33, cousin of the The Kuwaiti official said Mr. Shatti displayed deep, bleeding cuts on both wrists from the hand-

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who advised Mr. Nixon in the final

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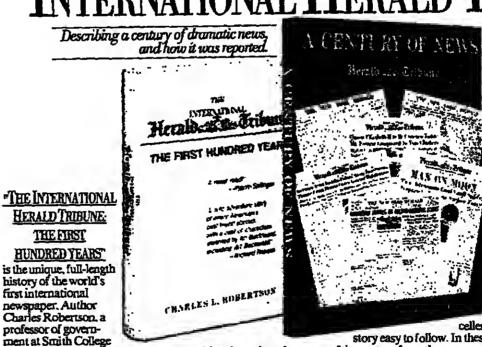
tions on policy will have impact. "What he's shown is a very acute awareness of how important it is not to be all over the place," said Leonard Garment, who was Mr.

The discreet role Mr. Nixon has played in the current presidential campaign seems to illustrate that point. The former president is known to make quiet calls to candidates and those close to them, sometimes offering unsolicited ad-

Bomb at Base in Spain

A bomb exploded at a U.S. military communications relay site near Torrejon air base early Friday, expenses slight demans but no initial to the communication of the national Republican tickets," said Roger Stone, a Republican campaign consultant. "He has a detailed knowledge of There's no one else who has

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politics of defense in Washington.

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the beginning of this decade. Ronald Reagan and François Mitterrand were elected after hard-fought, ssue-oriented contests. In 1981, Mr. Mitterrand led a uni-

rand have proclaimed that the state fied left in a campaign that promised broad reform, reduced inequities and redistribution of wealth — that is, socialism. Mr. Reagan led a broad should be above parties. But they know a president always has great influence on his country and, when conservative coalition in the opposite direction: deregulation, decentraliza-The candidates, in tion, less government. Both men con-France and America, ducted divisive campaigns in which they harshly criticized existing prac-tices and called for sweeping change. Both won their elections, then both might consider letting voters in on their plans.

attempted to implement their cam-paign promises. But for one reason or another, both have strayed far from their original plans. And by building new coalitions and recruiting new advisers, both have emerged as ideologi-

of serious discussion of issues in the

presidential campaigns now under way in France and the United States.

For whatever reason, the French have

heard as little discussion of issues, just a week before their first ballot (April 24), as Americans have heard

in this long primary season.

Mr. Mitterrand, offering himself

Mr. Mitterrand, oftering himself for re-election, now speaks little of social change or social justice, little of foreign policy. He offers no program. As carefully as de Gaulle, he distances himself from his party, its program and its fate. Instead he offers himself for sevice to France and to his coof friends the Errach."

his good friends, the French."
"In election campaigns," Mr. Mitterrand observes, "people quarrel
... but I will not do it."

his principal opponent for the nomi-

nation of the center-right coalition, former Prime Minister Raymond

Barre, are not free to be quite that far

The campaign slogans and adver-

tising of these three candidates reflect

their preference for a nonidcological,

nearly nonpartisan campaign.
"We know what we want: Trust

Barre," said a full-page ad in Le

Monde. "Women trust me," an-

nonneed another Barre ad.
"For them, it's Chirac," pro-claimed a full-page ad listing 100 dis-tinguished French supporters. "Soli-darity," said another Chirac ad. "We

will go further together."
Mr. Mitterrand's dynamic message?

"Dare to meet the future with Fran-

cois Mitterrand. Assume your respon-

sibility in a new majority for a united

France moving into Europe."

Even when French candidates feel

compelled to take positions, the posi-

tions they take are noncontroversial.

above party politics. But both try.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and

cally ambiguous figures.
In each country, the president's party lost control of the national leglems. The post-World War If framework for foreign affairs is collapsing in Europe, and new Soviet inin atives require new responses. Some French islature in midterm, and seemed comfortable "cohabiting" (that is, sharing power) with the opposition party against whom polarizing contests had been fought just a few years earlier.

Perhaps this background of cohabmovement toward peace. itation accounts for the near absence

feel it is not enough to merely sup-port the grandear of France, the construction of Europe and the Marie-France Garaud, a brilliant

his party also controls the legislature,

he wields vast power - which is why

they want to be president.
France confronts important prob-

tial government," said one, striking themes that all agree on.

Both Mr. Barre and Mr. Mitter-

many who are worried about the lack of discussion of major issues in her country's current campaign.
France, she said recently, confronts dramatically new situations. It

is reasonable to expect, she argued that presidential candidates will give the French people their views on major strategic developments. Among the most important, she listed: • The implications of U.S. "denu-

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

clearization" agreements on the de-fense of Western Europe; • The transformation of the "Atlantic system" into a continental European defense system; and

The multiplication of economic, political and financial ties between

East and West Germany. A presidential campaign, Mrs. Garaud wrote, "should be the occa-sion for a confrontation of ideas, goals and policies. A campaign with-ont such discussion provides no basis to mobilize or unify a coalinon broad enough to win the presidency."

Of course, she is right. A French

presidential candidate should share with his countrymen a vision of the future. Similarly, it is reasonable to

insist that the American candidates share their views on such important

questions as these: • How should the nation deal with its debt and trade problem, and

with the Latin debt situation? • What should be the American position on a Palestinian state and

on negotiations with the PLO?

• How can the United States secure greater allied contributions to the common defense?

• What should the U.S. govern-

ment do about the problem of Gen-eral Manuel Antonio Noriega in Panama? ("Persuade him to leave"

is simply not good enough.)
No one can anticipate all future problems or answer all anticipated questions. Nor does any public have the interest or the time to hear detailed discussions of all hypothetical issues. But democracy is a system that, in principle, gives the people the right to determine not only who shall govern but to what broad ends.

In France and the United States only candidates of the extremes are speaking to the issues. But moderation does not relieve would-be presidents of their obligation to tell us not only that they want to lead us, but where they propose to go.

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New York: Funny Things Are Happening IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ANY REASON WHY THESE

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — A strange thing is bappening to Albert Gore on his way to the New York primary. Actually, quite a number of strange

things are happening to him.

The senator from Tennessee had a sensible strategy when be started campaigning in New York. He would be the moderately conservative alternative - conservative in Democratic Party terms, which means not very to the two front-runners, Jesse Jack-son and Governor Michael Dukakis.

Seemed good thinking. There are lots of New Yorkers who vote Democratic but sbudder at the memory of George McGovern. They are convinced that no latter-day McGover-nite can win on Election Day. They dislike the idea of voting Re-

publican, but confronted with a choice between Senator Bob Dole and Mr. Dukakis, say, they might have gone for Mr. Dole.

They say Mr. Dukakis's foreign policy, or lack of one, or vagueness about one, or whatever, makes them think of George McGovern and that the very thought gives them a terrible rash. Same goes for Mr. Jackson's policy, only a much bigger rash. Nicaragua is a clue to how they think. They do not care much for the contras and are in favor of negotia-

tions. But they want their candidate to think Sandinists are at least as nasty as the rebels. They are sure Mr. Jackson does not fill that requirement and have a sinking feeling that neither does Mr. Dukakis.

slipping away from them, but think George Bush is a little too much, or maybe too little. So it seemed entirely logical for Senator Gore to say: Here I am, take me, I am a middle-roader in the Democratic tradition, and to me that means disliking all dictator-ships, including those of the left like the Nicaraguan or Cuban models.

Then the first funny thing hap-pened. Mr. Gore found himself not in an ordinary primary but in what was becoming a referendum on Mr. Jack-son. Suddenly a lot of people who liked Mr. Gore were going around saying that they would not vote for him because it would help Mr. Jack-

pattern in which people and states can live side by side, with domestic

tributed this comment to the Interna-

tional Herald Tribune.

son. So they were going to vote for Mr. Dukakis. The Dukakis people did not discourage this reasoning.

Of course it did not make entire sense. In New York state, a candidate

wins delegates from each congressional district on a proportional basis. Generally speaking, if he gets 40 percent of the vote in the district, he gets 40 percent of the delegates. So in a district where Mr. Jackson does not bave much backing, a vote for Mr. Gore is really a vote for a Gore delegate and against a Dukakis delegate, not for a Jackson delegate. Then another funny thing hap-pened. Mr. Gore had decided it

would be a good tactic to criticize his opponents on their weak points, not uncommon in politics. But Governor Mario Cuomo decided otherwise. He scolded the young senator in a loud firm voice for being so fresh. The result was that Mr. Jackson

and Mr. Dukakis became the good guys and the senator was lying there bleeding. When he picked himself up, he had to spend time trying to answer noncandidate Cuomo instead of dealing with candidates Jackson and Dukakis. The Gore camp is not full of enthusiasm for

the governor of New York anymore. It also developed, according to newspapers, television and national magazines, that by emphasizing his longstanding support for Israel, Mr. Gore was guilty of pandering to the Jews. Now, that did surprise the young Tennessean, who had thought it was just as respectable to tell Jews that you loved Israel as to tell farmers

you loved high prices for corn.

Then the senator did some funny things to himself. One morning he said the country was voting for a president, not a preacher. That not terribly sensitive remark became the big political news of the day: the TV news bite. Unfortunately for the senator, it happened on the very day he was making a serious speech in the evening, which of course was crowded off the air by the preacher wisecrack. That violated the following po-bucal rule: Don't be a smart aleck on the day you plan to be a statesman.

Now Mayor Ed Koch of New York, who does not admire Mr. Jackson, is endorsing Mr. Gore, which might persuade some backsliding Gore supporters that a vote for Al Gore could be a vote for Al Gore, after all. If not, Mr. Dukakis and Mr. Jackson will go on to the Atlanta convention and Mr. Gore will soon return to Tennessee. The Democratic race will be dull-er, and Mr. Gore will be wiser in the ways of the big city. The New York Times.

Singapore' Walls Out The Disease

By Jim Hoagland

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WASHINGTON - Singapore's W disciplined march to prosperty has been conducted under the intelligent and far-seeing gaze of Pringe Minister Lee Kuan Yew for the pas two decades. Mr. Lee demonstrated during a visit to Washington this week why other world leaders go out of their way to find out what is on this Asian statesman's mind.

The American role is no longer that of commander in chief in the world, but that of commander of the world, but that of communication the biggest forces," be told one group when the topic of American decline as a world power surfaced. Like Ei-senhower in World War II building consensus among sovereign armies, the United States now needs to consult more before giving orders to other er forces under its control, he said The challenge confronting America

The challenge confronting America is not to manage a decline but to least to use the growing strength of others to further U.S. goals, he suggested. He was insistent that Japan, Singapore's distant neighbor and World War. If occupying power, should be reminded of its ability and responsibility to do more in the Third World.

In Germany, he said, "Israel and Jews worldwide have continued to make Germans aware of the wrong they did" and the special responsibilities they bear. He added: "Nobody does that to Japan. I wonder why not."

does that to Japan. I wonder why not Why is a leader this wise and cloquent involved in petty running bat-

tles with the foreign press over what they write about his city-state, and why does he work so hard to suppress an already weak domestic opposition? He responds forcefully with answers that challenge perceptions of American politics in an election year and the reaction abroad to the global growth

of American-style media.

Mr. Lee sat quietly for most of this discussion, listening intently to a half-dozen American political reporters and analysts give their projections for this year's elections.

The Americans' remarks focused on the weaknesses of George Bush and of the Democratic candidates. Few of them seemed to see any redeaming, social value in the year's political exer-cise, an attitude that was not lost on the prime minister when his turn came to respond to questions about Singapore's restrictions on the press:

"I am Asia. I am not-America. I cannot allow American correspondents to decide my national agenda for me. An American journalist writes, with the assumption that all governments are weak, that all politicians are venal. They would transpose their yal-nes to my society, and it is a set of values that we do not adhere to... He alluded to the strain of negativ-

ism that seems particularly strong in this year's U.S. election coverage, which frequently strikes visitors from abroad as destructive. Mr. Lee's point was echoed in a moving and thoughtful farewell to journalism that Thomas Griffith, a retiring press columnist for

Time magazine, poblished this week,
Journalists have come through a period of sharp criticism for being in
favor of political causes, Mr. Griffith a
wrote, only to discover that "their fault may be the corposite seeing notifault may be the opposite; seeing politicians and their handlers up close, they have no faith in any of them and are carriers, as well as recorders, of

the prevailing discachantment."
Mr. Lee is determined to keep this American disease out of his multicultural nation, where racial tensions, he says, bubble just beneath the surface. He almost suggests that he regrets having personally chosen English as the dominant language of Singapore, whose largest population groups are Chinese and Malays. English language publications printed elsewhere but sold in Singapore challenge his

government's version of reality.

There is an off-shore press based in Hong Kong now," he said. "It is no longer a foreign press reporting on a Singapore to foreigners in America or Europe, but it is now reporting Singapore to Singaporeans. I would not mport American media problems."

As Mr. Lee's account indicates, the real problems of his country have not been created by the media but are deeply rooted societal conflicts. He is likely to exacerbate them by imposing misguided restrictions that discourage open examination of these problems and harm Singapore's image abroad.

But his countercriticisms of the U.S. press and its frequently jaded assumptions about politicians and the nature of politics should not be simply brushed off. He has heard something disturbing, something that is worth pondering as American voter turnout continues to sink-toward a level that is one-third or less that of most industrial democracies.

The Washington Post.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO strikers in the great industries. The

1888: Bismarck's Fear

LONDON — The Speciator says: "Ever since 1875, the dominant political apprehension in the German Chancellor's mind has been the invasion of his country by the combined armies of France and Russia. [Chan-cellor Bismarck] believes that these armies must, if they act together, inarmes must, if they act together, in-flict upon Germany ghastly wounds, and he has even a secret apprehen-sion, based upon his knowledge of Russian tenacity in actual combat, that they might prove too strong for the German army, which, as Count von Moltke once said, has never been tried by defeat. It is to prevent this danger that he has so carefully conciliated the Russian Court."

1913: The Belgian Strike BRUSSELS - The situation in the national strike for manhood suffrage in Belgium today [April 15] is as follows: complete cessation of work in the collieries; 40 to 50 percent of

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Opposition protested against the tar-dy convocation of that body, which might otherwise have been able to deal with the present situation. Barba de Broqueville, the Premier, replied that he was absolutely decided not to yield to the clamor of the populace 1938: Barcelona Cut Off FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER The Spanish Nationalist forces cut all highway and railroad communica-

number of men out is estimated at 350,000. A lively scene occurred this afternoon in the Senate, when the

highway and railroad communica-tions between Barcelona and Valen-cia [on April 15], when General Aran-da's troops hewed their way to the sea on a 20-mile front and occupied the town of Vinaroz on the Mediteria-nean coast. By this achievement, the territory in southeastern Spain which is still in Republican bands finds it-self cut off from Catalonia the rains

self cut off from Catalonia, the main remaining center of Republican resis-tance outside the Madrid sector.

sought by the White House, Mr. Gore skillfully advocated a less threatening and more survivable missile, the single-warhead Mid-getman. His idea was adopted by the admin-istration as part of a compromise to build On the right marches George Bush. A little right of center is Albert Gore, a little left of it is Michael Dukakis, and way But position papers aside, there is anothboth missiles. Mr. Gore's support of the plan er measure that voters will try to divine, helped persuade Congress to accept it.

the impasse on the 10-warhead MX missile

It is unusual for a junior congressman to from the candidates' signals and body language: Who would most adroitly mix diplomake such a mark on strategic issues. Mr. Gore has also thought carefully about other aspects of national security. He supports macy with force and best manage the vexed That is a hard call; there is so little to go the navy's successful intervention in the on. Candidates for the post of commander Gulf. He understands the politics of weapin chief need have no military experience or knowledge. So their likely competence must be inferred from often tenuous evidence. ons procurement, and that building new strategic weapons and seeking agreements to limit them are both essential.

Michael Dukakis would scrap the MX and Mr. Bush saw combat in World War II and has had wide exposure to national secu-Midgetman missiles, and cut the strategic rity issues while in office, notably as director defense program down to its pre-star wars of central intelligence and vice president.

He shares credit for the administration's size. These policies would not encourage the Russians to scrap their most threatening weapons. Mr. Dukakis's best credentials lie stand-fast tactics that secured the accord on Euromissiles. He must share blame for the elsewhere, in the promise of managing the chaotic roller-coaster ride in defense spend-Pentagon as well as he has Massachusetts.

ing that increased military capabilities Defense is not one of Jesse Jackson's strengths. His foreign policy is based on He seems now to recognize that problem seeking peace with everyone, so it follows by calling for stable defense funding, an that less defense would be needed. He overhaul of the weapons-buying process would cancel almost all new strategic weap-ons and cut conventional arms as well, to and "greater emphasis on making weapons combat-effective." Other than his public save "tens of billions of dollars." As a civil rights leader, Mr. Jackson has support for the administration's enterprises

not had to think a lot about nuclear stratein these areas, it is not clear what positions he argued for privately, if any. Senator Gore served in Vietnam as a miligy. Perhaps be has acquired skills that would prove more important, like the abilitary reporter and, while a congressman, made himself expert on arms control. During ty to negotiate with adversaries.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Higher Taxes Would Help

The Candidates on Defense

income taxes, the forms were more difficult than ever, the rates went down but liability may have gone up and many taxpayers must be wondering, "Whatever happened to tax reform?" Now we are prepared to add to the people's pleasure by announcing: The income tax is too low in America.

The Senate has just adopted a budget resolution for next fiscal year. The tax and spending figures are almost exactly what the president proposed, the House approved and the final budget will be; this is the year of the dove (or perhaps it is ostrich) in fiscal policy. Remove from this budget Social Security, which is in surplus, and you have the part that is supposed to be financed mainly by the income tax. That part is more than \$200 billion in delicit; almost a fourth of the

spending has no revenue supporting it.

The habit is to ascribe this to big government, as if government were an alien force, an adversary. Unfortunately, as in the comic strip, the adversary is the same "us" that sees the these and followers and that sees the these and the sees the same "us" that sees the these and the sees the same "us" that sees the these and the sees the same "us" that sees the same "us" the threat and feels oppressed. The major items in this part of the budget are defense, interest on the debt and money pouring out to citizens and state and local governments in the form of benefits and grants. Americans are demanding more in services than they have been willing to pay for in taxes. The Social Security surplus has obscured this, and will continue to do so until the baby boomers begin to retire in the next century.

Americans have just finished doing their Only then will the full imbalance between

The income tax is too low also in that the mix of taxes is wrong. The federal tax structure is less progressive than before. The in-come tax itself has not shifted much. The rates are down but preferences have also been reduced — that was the trade-off in reform — and the burden by income class remains about the same. The main shift again has to do with the rise of Social Security. The Social Security tax accounts for a larger share of federal revenues than in the. past. It was raised in part to build a surplus for when the boomers retire, but the surplus exists only on paper. In fact, the money is being used each year to help finance the non-Social Security part of the budget; in that sense the Social Security tax is backing out the income tax, and the system is less fair.

Nor is that all. Behind the budget deficit a social deficit has built up in recent years. Needs have been put off that can only add to the budget deficit. The next president will have the list left on his doorstep; health care and housing for the poor, children's programs (their poverty rate is higher than the country's as a whole), long-term care for the elderly. Some think the way to meet such costs is through a consumption tax. But even with carve-outs for the poor, consumption taxes tend to be regressive. The income tax remains the better vehicle.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Speak for Yourself, Larry

ident Reagan's press secretary, he somebook about his life at the top, Mr. Speakes says he put words in Mr. Reagan's mouth and fobbed them off on unsuspecting reporters. Worse, the president did not object.

Mr. Speakes relates that in 1983, when the Russians shot down a Korean airliner, he gave Mr. Reagan credit for comments Secretary of State George Shultz made at a crisis session in the White House. His candid excuse: The president "had almost nothing to say." And in 1985 at the Geneva summit meeting, Mr. Speakes reveals, be had a subordinate create the high-sounding bomilies that Mr. Reagan supposedly ut-tered in private to Mikhail Gorbachev. His excuse this time: concern that Mr. Gorbachev "was really getting the advantage over us in his give-and-take with reporters." National security, politics and ordinary

Larry Speakes has disclosed that, as Pres- discretion often keep presidential press secretaries from st times manufactured presidential quotes. about their bosses. With reason, they with-On two occasions detailed in a kiss-and-tell hold many facts and sometimes stretch othhold many facts and sometimes stretch others. Pulling words out of thin air to get better press is something else. Mr. Reagan's unspoken words rattled no rafters, but just the idea of concocting them shows a White House that subordinates honesty to public relations. Referring to what the president did not say in Geneva, Mr. Speakes admits in his book that "in retrospect, it was clearly wrong to take such liberties." Why? Not because it was a lie but because it was risky;

the Russians might have blown his story. Mr. Speakes's successor, Martin Fitzwater, calls the phony quotes "a damned outrage," but Mr. Reagan expressed only distaste when asked about it. Claiming not to have heard of the fabrications until now, he left unclear whether it is official deception he dislikes, or just books that reveal it.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Soviet Union Has Lost

The documents signed in Geneva this week formalized a fact that had long been apparent, not least to Mikhail Gorbachev: The Soviet Union has lost in Afghanistan. For the first time since Soviet troops left Austria in 1955, Russians will be withdrawing from territory they took in war. For the first time, the borders of communism will be

shrinking because Russia has been beaten.

The guerrillas fighting Russia and its client [Major General Najib] have rejected the settlement, and have said they will go on fighting. America and Pursia are rejected. fighting. America and Russia are racing to pot as many weapons as possible into their friends' hands before the deal's contorted and conditional restraints on arms deliveries take effect. Who eventually runs Afghanistan is still to be decided by war, or by negoriations after the various sides bave weighed up their chances in such a war.

- The Economist (London).

A Choice for the French

François Mitterrand still appears a good bet to become the first president to be reelected by popular vote in the 30 years of the Fifth Republic. But the result is far from foregone. The prime minister, Jacques Chirac, has already virtually won the first round nomination for the center-right. The re-election of Mr. Mitterrand would mean, realistically, a milder form of cohabitation, this time geared to the center-left. The his-tory of the Mitterrand years from 1981 to 1986, and the Fourth Republic up to the late 1950s, suggests that such an arrangement is unlikely to produce a second economic miracle for France. The French people will face a choice, in the second round on May 8, between the civilized sonorities and wily intelligence of an aging president and the clarity of purpose, and suspect tem-

perament, of an energetic prime minister. - The Independent (London).

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An Israeli soldier has been killed and others have had their beads

West Bank and Gaza. Arabs continue to get burt and sometimes die. bashed in; Israeli civilians died in a PLO attack on a bus. The measures Israel has taken, military and economic, have failed to restore calm. Evidently the Palestinian popula-tion finds the risk worth taking. In Syria, Chile or Soviet Azerbaijan,

such events tend to end in a hurry. But not in Israel, because Israel isn't like that. Its police and army operate under restraints. When they exceed civilized standards, the word quickly gets out via bundreds of foreign and domestic newsmen. The news is followed almost immediately by sharp condemnations in

world capitals, and in Israel itself. That is the price a democracy has to pay - and it is a price worth paying, because more democracy in more countries is the alternative to the violence by which ethnically divided countries and regions, from Northern Ireland to the Middle East, from Azerbaijan to Sri Lanka, now deal with conflict.

But in the Arab-Israeli situation even Palestinians acquainted with Western democratic culture seem to have difficulty with the concept. In "The Palestinians Once Had a

Land and Still Have Rights" (IHT, Morch 17), Nadia Hijab has a prob-lem admitting Israel's right to exist as a state. She acknowledges the fact but not the right. "Palestinians," she says, "cannot now seek a solution that would return the status quo to what it was at the turn of the century, and displace 3.5 million Jews."

This is a significant step from the prevailing Arab position, still beld by the Palestine Liberation Organization and all Arab states except Egypt, of not recognizing Israel's existence. Yet basically, the Hijab argument turus on the "wrong done in Palestine" by the Zionists to the Palestinians as "indigenous inhabitants," who therefore "challenge Israel's right to Palestine."

The key word bere is "indige-nous." It is the concept of who came first and therefore has greater rights — even if the "newcomer" came two, three or more genera-tions ago. It is what Alfred Rosenberg the Nazi ideologist, called Bo-denstandigkeit — the condition of being rooted in the soil. More recently, it underlies the promises of the rightist politician Jean-Marie Le Pen to defend the rights of indigenous French against immigrants.

Even accepting such terminology for the sake of argument. Arabs

seem to forget that Jews have been "rooted in the soil" of what became

Palestine and then Israel long before Mohammed was born. In the mod-

ern era, the Zionist presence in Israel

PARIS - Women and youths By Robert B. Goldmann existence, but toward a pluralistic

The Mideast Needs More Democracy

continue to throw rocks in the goes back more than 100 years. Zionist pioneers came from Europe to drain swamps, plant trees and build villages, offering opportunities that attracted thousands of Arabs from nearby areas. Modern Jews have as good a claim as many of the Arabs who have lived in what is now Israel.

But this debate has been going on for decades, and it leads nowhere. There are special reasons why this approach should be discarded in the Middle East, where Moslems, Christians and Jews live cheek by jowl. What the Middle East requires is

pluralism and democracy. From the acknowledgment that the clock cannot be turned back, we must proceed to the next stage — not toward a "secular democratic state" that would end the reason for Israel's

structures that guarantee basic free-doms to individuals and minorities. The precise shape such coexistence will take in dealing with Israel and its Arab inhabitants and neighbors cannot be predicted. But once such negotiations begin, imaginative approaches are bound to emerge.

Hopefully, those Palestinians who have experienced Western de-mocracy will share this experience with their people. It is the kind of discussion that can lead to genuine. mutual acceptance. That is the only way out of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The writer is director of the West European office of the Anti-Defama-tion League of B'nai B'rith. He con-

Palestinians Are Waiting For Some Sign of Justice

By Mohammad Tarbush

PARIS — The prompt release of the Israeli soldiers who were filmed while brutalizing two Palestinians on Feb. 24, and the light sentences given to soldiers convicted of trying to bury Palestinians alive, do not come as a surprise. History shows that terrorizing Palestinians has not prevented some Israelis from making it to the highest echelons of society. After the massacre of 49 civilians by Israeli soldiers at the village of Kafr Qasim on Dec. 7, 1956, those accused in the killings appeared before a military court for "carrying out an illegal order." The maximum sentence passed was 17 years in prison. This was reduced by an appeals court to 14 years, then by the chief of staff to 10 years, then by the Israeli president to 5 years. Finally, a Committee for the Release of Prisoners ordered a remission of one-third, with the result that the longest sentence served was some three and a half years. After his release in September 1960, Lieutenant Johnsol Dahan, who bore prime responsibility for the massacre, was made officer in charge of Arab alfairs in the city of Ramla.

Such laxness was not new. After the massacre of more than 250 Palestinian civilians at Deir Yashin on April 9, 1948, the Zionist leadership dismissed the killing as the work of "dissidents." The leader of those "dissidents" was Menachem Begin. His assistant at the time of the massacre was a man named Yitzhak Shamir. Supporters of the Likud bloc, now led by Prime Minister Shamir, make up about half of Israel's army. Sentiment within Likud strongly favors

removing Palestinians from the occupied territories to Jordan. A recent government decision authorizing settlers to use live ammunition against demonstrators will increase the frequency of "dissident" crimes. It could lead, as The Jerusalem Post has warned, to a real war between Jews and Arabs in the occupied territories. Given the settlers' support for removal of Palestinians, there is a danger of attacks on

Palestinian civilians escalating out of control.

Can the international community stand by and wait for such escalation? While politicians wrangle over a formula for peaceful negoriations, should there not be an international inquiry into the excesses committed by Israeli soldiers and settlers against Palestinian civilians

committee by Israeli soldiers and settlers against Palestinian divilians since the uprising began in December?

Already more than 130 Palestinian civilians have been killed and bundreds wounded, including women and children. Nearly 5,000 are in detention, with no prospect of trial, at the mercy of Israeli interrogators. Immediate action is needed to bring justice to a people whose crime is to want to be free in its native land.

The writer, a Paris-based Palestinian banker, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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perhaps even definitive, agreement will be

negotiated. This is brilliant. A de facto penalty will compensate the collector, should administrative people allow their natural instinct for paperwork to prevail over art. The foundation is to pay an annual fee, yet to be determined, for the loan. It will go to the purchase of more pictures. At the end of the 10-year contract, the paintings will still be the baron's property. Those who know the baron well, such as Simon de Pury — who was his curator in Lugano for seven years and is now managing director of Sotheby's Europe—say he really is prepared to make a full donation, as are his heirs. The 10-year trial gallop is the most daring challenge to any government and its civil service ever devised by a private citizen. If they want the prize they must prove that they deserve it. Given its magnitude one suspects they might

The art hoard of which a stunning sampling is now at the Royal Academy is the cumulative result of the lifelong passion of two men, father and son. As David Ekserd-jian recounts the story in an unusually wellwritten catalogue introduction — crisp, in-formative, and without pseudo-literary frills — the foundations were laid by Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, who died in 1947. He did it in a time of abundance and built up a nucleus of early German, Flemish and Italian masterpieces that no one would be able

to acquire today for any amount of money. A typical representative of the cultivated German upper class, with a particular feeling for the German Renaissance, his prefer-

Post-Modern Life by Berlin Wall



Hans Memling: "Maiolica Vase with Flowers;" his only still life.

ence invariably went to art that blends vigor and a sense of mystery. At the Royal Academy his selection looks like a condensed version of the Alte Pinakothek in Munich - but with the collector's personal vision. He had an unparalleled eye for portraits. Even though he had the good sense to listen carefully to the advice of a great dealer, Rudolf Heinemann, the choice in the end was his. He laid hands on the only female portrait by Altdorfer, done around 1525-30, A sculptural silhouette stands out against a back-ground of wavy darkness. It exudes har-nessed energy, violence only just controlled, conveyed by the pressed lips that curl up.

Another portrait of a woman, by Hans Baldung, could be mistaken for a Cranach at first sight, were it not for the monogram. But the slanting, half-closed green eyes and the intense red lips bave none of Cranach's ambiguity. The contrast of the metallic jewelry and the pale white skin add to the impression of polished harshness projected by a woman at the height of her power.

But even Altdorfer and Baldung are overshadowed by what is perhaps the most striking European portrait before the age of Ver-meer. It is attributed to Juan de Flandes, John of Flanders. A very young girl in a neat white blouse stares at the viewer as she holds up a small thorny rosebud, the symbol of suffering to come with blossoming youth. She is believed in be Catherine of Aragon. An intense source of light that anticipates Caravagesque art gives a chiseled appear-ance to her bust. The salmony face and golden touches on one side of the face only emphasize the expression of muted despair. No wonder Dürer admired Juan de Flandes.

One can see how a man with a feeling for inner tragedy such as this would also have been attracted to "St. Catherine of Alexandria," which can be argued to be one of Caravaggio's greatest portraits. The draped figure stands in a sharply contrasted chiar-oscurn. Restrained tragedy sums it up, as she leans against the symbol of ber torment, a

In picture after picture, the first baron gives evidence of his leaning toward the unusual. One of the very few still lifes by Memling is in the exhibition, on the back of the panel that carries one of his portraits, for its miniature-like precision, it is as suggestive of tragedy to come as some of the portraits. White lilies, irises, and columbine rise out of a maiolica jug marked with the monogram of Jesus. The flowers respectively symbolize the purity of the Virgin, Mary as the Queen of Heaven, and the Holy Spirit.

It has often been assumed that Baron Hans Heinrich, who inherited his father's collection in 1947, was less receptive to Old Masters. The pictures at the Royal Academy suggest the opposite, and definitely belie his supposed disaffection for the Northern schools. Anyone who got the portrait of a man attributed to the Master of Flemalle or the portrait of Wenceslas of Luxembourg whose authorship still baffles art historians must have had a deep understanding of the buman portrait with perhaps, a touch of softness. Again the chase for the unusual comes out in the son's acquisitions. Pieter Saenredam's view of the Romanesque St. Mary's Church in Utrecht, demolished in the 19th century, is not just one of the master's few outdoor paintings. It comes as close to Vermeer's handling of a landscape, in his unique view of Delft, as Saenredam ever got. Like his father, Baron Hans Heinrich bought largely from the trade. The Saenre-dam was acquired from Rudolf Heinemann,



Juan de Flandes: "Portrait of an Infanta," thought to be Catherine of Aragon aged about 10. Perhaps the most striking European portrait before the age of Vermeer.

the old family adviser. His agents scoured Britain, as had been done in the previous generation. The "Sunset Landscape" by Cuyp, bought a year later, in 1957, comes from the Arthur E. Guiness Collection in Dorking, Surrey. It is the most poetic Cuyp I have seen, its golden light hovering over lace like foliage and mirrored in a distant pool.

Moving from one great work to another, one forgets that about as many of the same caliber have been left in Lugano. "Young Knight in a Landscape," one of three or four of Carpaccio's greatest works, did not make the journey, nor the two Bellinis, which is much to he regretted by those who have not been to Lugano. The one that Hans Heinrich

bought in 1964 leaves one speechless. Indeed, there is immensely more to the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection — major medi-eval sculpture, remarkable Renaissance bronzes of which Anthony Radcliffe of the Victoria and Albert Museum is writing the catalogue raisonné, bound to make a splash in the world of connoisseurship. Whatever the motives, no matter with what immense resources, the achievement is a unique mon-ument in itself. It is the only princely collection of the Mediei type founded in the 20th century — by two men, father and son, each with his own vision linked by a common thread. Whoever gets its Old Master section will be the luckiest prize winner of our time.

BERLIN — It was a do-it-your-self Saturday last month as ordinary West Berliners moved ordinary furniture into a new apartment building on Wilhelm-strasse, a short block from the Berlin wall. On the bleak street, once the site of the headquarters of the Gestapo and the SS, the sight of people balancing armchairs on their shoulders and threading sofas through narrow doorways was an

By Joseph Giovannini

New York Times Service

in art collecting since the end of World War H. A document signed on April 7 by Minister of Culture Javier Solana Madariaga and Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza

paves the way for an agreement that has

been reported as fact but is as yet only being discussed. If it becomes fact, Spain will be-

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come the host for 10 years of the most astonishing holding of Old Master paintings

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some stanning works in a selection of 53

pictures now hanging at the Royal Academy through June 12.

". The agreement tentatively outlined in the

document is a collector's dream. A "private cultural foundation under Spanish law" is to

be set up by the Spanish government and the baron. Spain provides the use of the Villa-

hermosa Palace, facing one of the world's great art museums — the Prado. There will

be no rent. The foundation will get the mon-tey for the full refurbishment of the palace from the government, which undertakes "to provide all necessary financial resources to ensure the independence of the foundation."

This is to eliminate red tape and bureaucrat-

ic interference from people with yardlong files and a passion for computers that are smothering some leading museums in Brit-

Priority is given to protecting some 1,400 pictures, of which about 600 form the hard

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almost miraculously normal scene.
Parts of West Berlin have not been reconstructed since World War II, whether because of troubling Nazi associations or an uncomfortable proximity to the wall, or because they were the site of planned highways. Over the last nine years, however, the city of West Berlin and the Federal Republic of Germany have subsidized a huge \$1.2 billion building program to house about 30,000 people in these areas.

The 80 buildings, conceived by internationally known architects within an unusual set of guidelines, have become a virtual open-air exhibition of contemporary architecture, urban planning and public housing. About 40 more will be completed over the next three

The seven-story apartment house on Wilhelmstrasse, by the Italian architects Aldo Rossi and Gianni Braghieri, and others, such as those by the New York archi-tects John Hedjuk, Peter Eisenman and Raimund Abraham, have normalized many districts with family and street life, and lightened the spirit of the neighborhoods. The program, the International Building Exhibition Berlin 1987, or IBA, has helped restore West Berlin's

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apartment blocks. On Wilhelmstrasse, the furniture Berlin - including all those in the that wound its way up the stair-IBA project - have been partly cases, sometimes wedging in the turns, landed in modest apart-Planners, architects and visitors ments. Most of the units run front from around the world have visited to back, allowing cross breezes and

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It would seem that Moscow, at least, is fairly hungry for a dose of Dali-esque strangeness. About 100 people Friday stood outside the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts as the press arrived to preview "The Graphics of Salvador Dali," an exhibition of 200 works put together by Dall's friend Pierre Argillet, a

publisher and art collector. "We want in," said a woman who was clutching an old postcard reproduction of the Dali classic with the melting clocks.

The Pushkin Museum's director. Irina Antonova, played no games about Moscow's reluetance to show Dali in the past. "The work of the Surrealists, including Dali, belonged to a zone of silence," she

"Such themes were not popular in our country until recent times.

Very many blank spots in literature, art and the cinema are being opened now for our audiences, and I would think that the work of Dali should be thought of in that con-The Soviet leadership had been

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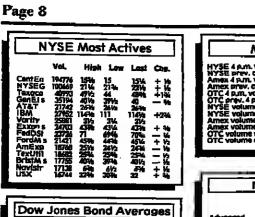
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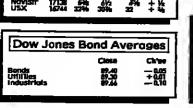
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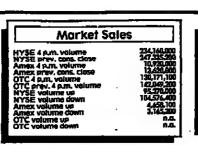


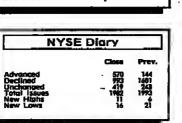
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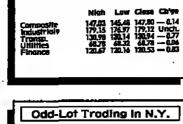
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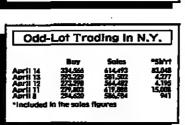


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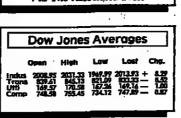










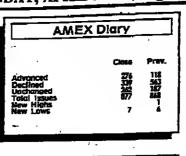


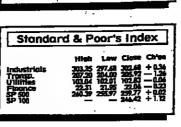
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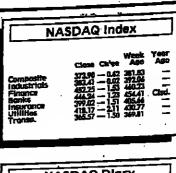
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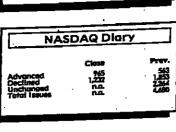
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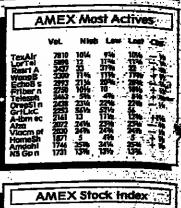
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MARKETS: Dow Recovers After Its Plunge

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buy and sell at certain levels. Ricky Harrington, a technical analyst with Interstate Securities Corp. in Charlotte, North Carolina, said: "Those who believe in the positive scenario see 1,980 as the place to buy. Any penetration of 1,980 would only confirm the

downtrend."

"The old nemesis remains the dollar," be said. "Higher interest rates or reduced coosumption" to cut the trade deficit "would mean

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As expected, the beating on Wall Street on Thursday was felt in the Far East on Friday as prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell sharply. The Tokyo market was closed by the time the wholesale price statistics were released.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's spokesman, Keizo Obuchi, called on traders to remain calm in the aftermath of New York's serback.

The Nikkei average of 225 selected issues, which climbed 125.80 to a record high Thursday, fell 217.78 to close at 26.893.57.

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Dealers said the way Tokyo recovered, closing down only 0.8 percent, undoubtedly steaded the Europeans. So did the central bank intervention to support the dollar.

"There has been a collective sigh of relief that New York didn't crash at the opening," a London trader said.
The London Financial Times-Stock Ex-

change index of 100 blue-chip stocks ended at 1,778.6 points, down 8.6 points or only 0.5 Div. Yld. PE 1005 High Low Quol. Chige

percent, and well above the day's low of 1,766

points.

French shares ended lower but with early losses mostly recovered as bargain-hunters moved in, Paris dealers said.

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The 50-share Bourse index ended 0.28 percent below Thursday's close. But it had been down 2.11 percent at one point.

In Frankfurt, West Gorman shares dropped sharply but dealers said the fall was oot been as bad as expected. "The mixture of shock after the figures and the fact that it's a Friday meant there wasn't enough turnover for much to happen." one said.

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Hong Kong's Hang Seng index lost about 93 points to 2,591. But Sydney stock prices regained some ground in late trade. The Australian All-Ordinaries Index was down 30.7 points at 1,436.8, after the day's low of 1,423.5.

On the New York Stock Exchange, Centerior Energy was the most active issue, up 1/4 to 151/4, New York State Electric & Gas followed, up 1/4 to 221/4

Texaco was third, gaining 1% to 48%. The giant oil company, which recently emerged from bankruptcy, reinstated its \$3 annual divi-

AT&T was unchanged at 26%. IBM was up

Among other technology issues, Digital Equipment was off 1% to 101%, Texas Instruments was unchanged at 51, Cray Research was off 1 to 80%, Unisys was down % to 33 and Hewlett-Packard was up 11/2 to 621/2. Among the blue chips, General Electric was

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Inflation Fears Are Likely To Push Up Interest Rates

By LEONARD SILK

New York Times Service EW YORK - Coming smack in the face of this week's agreement by the Group of Seven major industrial countries to keep the dollar from falling, the disappointing trade deficit figures for February gave the idollar a sharp downward shove, and the bond and stock markets

Instead of narrowing as the markets had been led to expect, the U.S. merchandise trade deficit widened to \$13.83 billion, from \$12.44 billion in January. The government warned that the numbers were not adjusted for seasonal factors — a caveat usually omitted when the trade figures are better than

One analyst Even granting the imperfec-tion of the data, however, the predicts a replay of while exports rose by 5.5 per-cent, to \$23.56 billion in Febthe pressures that preceded last year's

imports surged, even more, climbing by 7.5 percent, 10:137.39 billion for the month. The implication is that the American economy is growing too fast, the trade position and the dollar are weakening, and the Federal Reserve will have to raise interest rates.

All that is a reading that Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d resists; he does not want what he apparently regards as a

premature tightening of money.

But whether the Fed tightens or not, the credit markets, worrying about inflation, are likely to raise rates. "Signs of a robust economy have led investors to discard their recessionary glasses and begin to view the world through inflationary ones," said Robert J. Genetski, senior vice president and chief economist of the Harris Bank in Chicago. "Markets are about to experience a replay of the pressures of last spring and summer." . Those pressures on rates caused the stock market to peak in +August and collapse in October.

ONG-TERM rates are already moving up. If the Fed raises short-term interest rates sufficiently, Mr. Genetski maintains, the markets will see that it is serious about stopping inflation and long-term rates will decline. Otherwise, "markets are likely to be pummeled by the same psychological forces that drove interest rates to extremes in 1984 and again in 1987.

The process by which weakening confidence in the dollar lifts interest rates and depresses securities prices is now well recognized and feared. It is an automatic process that does not depend on Fed action to tighten credit.

The Fed may try to resist the rise in short-term rates by injecting more reserves into the banking system, but if it does so, the results may be perverse. It may aggravate the market's fears of inflation, raise long-term interest rates and drive down bond and stock prices. This could, in turn, further weaken confidence in the

dollar and give the entire process another turn of the screw.

Having seen such a frightening scenario acted out last summer and fall, will the U.S. government do'nt again? It seems unlikely. The desire to hold interest rates down and keep the economy expanding in an election year is a factor in administration that the desire of another parameter reaction by the thinking, but the danger of another perverse reaction by the markets is bound to be an inhibition on administration pressure

ito get the Fed to open the money tap.

It would be unrealistic to expect Congress and the administratwould be intreased to expect Congress and the administra-tion to do anything significant on the budgetary or tax fronts in this election year that would slow the economy down. Hence, it becomes overwhelmingly the problem of the Fed to reassure the markets on trade and the dollar and to calm inflationary expecta-Lions. The Fed is paying increasing attention to sensitive com-modity prices, the spread between short- and long-term interest rates and the international value of the dollar in making its decisions on money and credit.

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Interest Rates

Dresdner Net Fell In 1987

Operating Profit Also Off Sharply

FRANKFURT - Dresdner Bank AG, West Germany's second largest bank, reported Friday that group net profit fell 7.5 percent in 1987, to 467 million Deutsche marks (\$280 million at current rates) from 505 million DM.

It also reported that partial operating profit dropped 14.5 percent, to 1.53 billion DM from 1.79 billion in 1986. That figure excluded account. No figures for total operating profit were given.

Total operating profit declined more sharply last year than partial operating profit, Wolfgang Röller, the marging heard abeliance.

the managing board chairman, said. Last year, Dresdner said its total operating profit had been about 3 billion DM in 1986.

Mr. Röller said at the annual news conference that during the first quarter of 1985, group operating profit was around 3/12 of the 1987 figure.

The stock market collapse in October undermined earnings from trading on the bank's own account, Mr. Röller said, but he declined to give figures. Write-downs on the bank's secu-

rities holdings rose significantly, but totaled less than 500 million DM in 1987, be said.

A repetition of the October col-lapse is unlikely, Mr. Röller said, and he does not expect significant write-downs on securioes holdings

Group credit volume for 1987
was 152.28 billion DM, up from
145.64 billion DM a year earlier,
Dresdner reported. Mr. Röller said
that in the first quarter this year,
credit volume was about 5 percent above 3/12 of the full 1987 figure. Mr. Röller said business volume

for the first three months of this

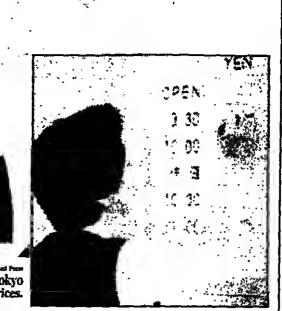
year was up slightly from 3/12 of last year's figures. Commerzhank AG, the third largest West German bank, reported earlier in the week that group net for 1987 edged up 3.6 percent to 423 million DM and said that

dropped 27 percent, : Deutsche Bank AG, the largest bank, said late in March that 1987. group net had fallen 37.3 percent to 669.5 million DM.

group operating earnings bad



A trader signaling to sell dollars on the Tokyo market, where a clerk put up opening prices.



Japan Investors' Dollar Quandary After Trade Data, Questions Over U.S. Bond Holdings

TOKYO — Japan's institutional investors were in a quandary Friday over what to do with their multibillioo-dollar portfolios of assets after the news of yet another large U.S. trade delicit.

For years, Japanese pension funds and insur-ance companies have invested heavily in U.S. gor-ernment bonds, although in recent mooths the trend had abated with the decline of the dollar. Faced with Thursday's news of a \$13.83 billion deficit in February, which sent the dollar and stock markets sharply lower, big institutions were won-

dering what to do.

Such news would usually be a green light to sell dollar-denominated assets. At such a time, foreign investors fear losing money when they translate the weaker dollar against their currencies to bring

home their profits. But this time, the Japanese institutions are persuaded that the Group of Seven industrial nations do not want a dollar fall and that the possibility of higher interest rates in the United States might make it worth their while to put more money there.

But the G-7 nations—the United States, Japan,

Britain, West Germany, Italy, France and Canada
— also do not want another stock market crash. Therein lies the dilemma for both the U.S. Federal

Reserve and the Japanese investors.

Kenji Matsunaga of Yasuda Trust & Banking
Corp. said the problem for the Fed would be
"whether to loosen its mocetary grip to avoid a
stocks fall, or tighten it to stop a dollar fall."

Shimichiro Umeki, a chief manager at Mitsubishi

Bank, said: "If fears of a possible repeat of last October's Black Monday appeared, they would oever let the dollar fall further."

To support the dollar, and thus bead off the threat of inflation, the U.S. central bank must either raise interest rates or lotervene again and again by buying dollars in the market.

The Fed, along with other central banks, inter-vened heavily on Thursday after the trade report. The bank re-entered the market on Friday after wholesale prices for March were reported to have risen 0.6 percent, rekindling inflation fears. The dollar opened at 123.70 yen in New York, near its

"The strength of the U.S. economy could dash hopes for a looser Fed monetary grip," said Yasuyuki Kuratsu, senior portfolio manager at Bank of Tokyo Ltd. But an immediate rise in loog-term interest rates "is also not realistic, partly due to concern over stock prices."

"I guess U.S. long-term interest rates could be moving in a narrow band around 9 percent in coming weeks," Mr. Kurausu said. "We may buy T-boods at above 9 percent yield."

The vield of the Treasury's key 30-year bood rose to 8.98 percent immediately after the March inflatioo report, as prices plunged to 98 30/32, a drop of about 20/32 point.

Shigeru Matsushita, a senior economist at Sanwa Bank's research division, said underlying sentiment for the dollar was poor but the G-7 had effectively underpinned it. Terubiko Mano, a senior economist at the Bank

of Tokyo, thought the dollar could fall a further 10 yen in the medium term, but only gradually because of the worry about stocks.

Mr. Matsunaga at Yasuda said big investors "will be looking closely at the Fed's stance on the money market in the next few days." He said he felt the Fed would be more concerned

with stocks, and would avoid tightening.
On Thursday, Mr. Matsunaga added, "the bood market seemed to realize this when it rebounded in New York after stocks fell, even though it had initially fallen on the deficit news."

Central Banks Step in, Curb Dollar Sell-Off

NEW YORK - The dollar ended mixed Friday after central

Dealers said the U.S. Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the West German Bundesbank appeared to join in the round of intervention, which began seconds after the release of a report that U.S. producer prices rose 0.6 percent in March. Most economists had expected an increase of about 0.2 percent in the data.

The rise in wholesale prices, a key iodicator of inflation, "was a lot stronger than people had ex-pected," said Elizabeth Reioers, a vice president of investment firm Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Dealers said the precisely timed intervention averted a potentially sharp self-off by encouraging the market's normal unwillingness on Fridays to take large posicions be-fore the weekend.

can't take the currency down any serve and foreign central banks aren't going to allow it," said Samuel Lek, a foreign exchange trader

On Thursday, finance ministers

at Bear, Stearns & Co. "During the last two days of trading, central banks must have bought up around \$2 billion in dollars to break the currency's turn- Canada - conferred in Washingble," Mr. Lek said.

The dollar ended in New York at 123.95 yen, up from 123.55 at Thursday's close, and at 1.6625 banks quickly arrested a sharp sell-off that had been prompted by a disappointing report on U.S. infla-tion.

But it slipped against the British pound, which ended at \$1.8895. against \$1.8730.

The sectiment was there for a sell-off given the bad trade oumber on Thursday," a London dealer said, referring to the Commerce Department's report that the U.S. trade deficit widened to \$13.8 bil-lion in February.

The deficit, the worst since October, stunned the market because dealers had generally expected a trade gap in the range of \$11 billion to \$12 billion.

But considering how quickly and effectively central banks foiled the market's attempts to push the dol-lar down, dealers said, they expect intervention to contain the dollar in its recent ranges.

fore the weekend.

"They're pulling all their tricks out of the hat — intervention, checking quotes, jawboning — and it's working for the most part," said further because the Federal Re- a corporate foreign exchange deal-

from the Group of Seven major industrialized oations - Japan, the United States, West Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy and

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Daimler Seeks to Take Full Control of AEG

BONN — Daimler-Benz AG, the maker of Mercedes-Benz cars. said oo Friday that it aimed to take full control of the electronics company AEG AG, in which it bought 56 percent two years ago as part of its diversification strategy.

Daimler made a cash offer of 200 Deutsche marks (\$120.20) per share for the remaining shares of AEG. Alternatively, it said it would offer AEG shareholders one Daimler share for every five AEG shares. AEG's shares closed at 236.80 DM and Daimler at 628 DM on

Friday in Frankfurt. A Daimler spokesman said that securing full control of AEG would help the two companies build on

their existing relationship. The groups work together in car electronics, the aerospace sector

and in energy research, he said.

have also included taking a majority of the aerospace group Dornier rumors GmbH and full ownership of the ments.

engines group Motoren & Tur-binen Union GmbH. Daimler bought AEG from a

consortium of banks that had earlier rescued it from bankruptcy. AEG is recovering from a difficult period but failed to report a net profit for 1987 because its earnings from operations were allocated to

make provisions for risks. These operating earnings were, bowever, roughly unchanged, at 130 million DM.

Share market analysts said the 200 DM per share cash offer for AEG shares was fair, although below the current market price.

Joseph Rooney, European analyst at the London brokerage James Capel & Co., said the market price was specularively high and did not reflect the company's real value.

There have been rumors in the

market for some time that Daimler was about to make a bid for the rest Daimler's moves to diversify of AEG. Twice in the past three weeks, Daimler responded to the rumors with noncommittal state-

IRS Official Predicts Rise in Sharing of Tax Data **Currency Rates** informal discussions of increased multinational

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WASHINGTON - The continuing globalization of the world economy will force the industrial nations to share tax and financial information to a degree than many of them now find neither possible nor desirable, according to the head of the Internal Revenue Service's International Division.

Donald E. Bergherm, who became head of the division on April 1, sees economic and technological forces making this exchange of information essential oot only for tax purposes "-Closings in London, Tokyo and Zurich, fixings in other centers. New York closing rates.

1 a: Commercial franc; b: To buy one pound; c: To buy one dollar; ": Units of 100; KQ; not guoted; NA.; not gyalable. but to menitor and control world trade and financial dealings. These exchanges will also become easier as the tax systems of the industrial nations are forced to become more alike.

For the individual, Mr. Bergherm warns, eventually there will be no place to hide. They may not pay us, but they will pay someone," be

Currently, he said, most of the information the United States gets through international exchanges comes from Canada, a result of the complex and extensive ties between the two nations' economies. But, the IRS official said. this kind of economic interrelationship is growing among the rest of world's industrial nations.

Mr. Bergherm attributed this growth to: the loss of U.S. economic pre-eminence; the in-creasing economic power of the Pacific rim nacons; the further economic integration of the European Community, the rise of supranational corporations; moves by various industrial nadons to revise their tax codes; and growing computerization of national tax systems.

He said that in the past most other nations considered international taxation an American problem, as most of the issues involved U.S. nacionals and corporations and U.S. financial

transactions overseas.

But now the United States is a debtor oadon with a bage trade delicit. At the same time the nations of the Pacific and the EC have gained

economic power. These nations are finding that, with trade, investment, loans and public and private payments flowing in all directions, they need more information from more countries to keep track of the dealings of their citizens and corporations.

There is also the growth of supranational corporations, which evolved from large naconal companies and now buy, sell and manufac-ture all over the world. Typically, a suprana-tional concern's officers and directors are from many countries as are its creditors and share-

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holders. Industrial nations will find it occessary to exchange greater and greater amounts of information just to keep track of the acovides of these entices, let alone decide who will tax

Mr. Bergherm said that he has seen height-ened interest by other nations in the informa-on-sharing provisions of the 34 bilateral trea-ties they have with the United States. In addition there has been growing receptivity to cooperation at the multinational level.

Mr. Bergherm said that the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development pro-tocol on the exchange of information, which is strongly supported by the United States, is just one example of this trend. There have also been

information-sharing with Pacific rim nations and with European nations. The International Division chief also noted

that "globalizacion" means that, more than ever, corporations consider taxadon as an important factor in locating operations — shop-ping for the country with the lowest tax rate and least onerous reporting requirements. He sees this as inevitably leading to conver-

gence of the world's tax systems, adding that II nations have altered their systems along the lines of the U.S. Tax Reform Act of 1986, with lower rates and fewer loopboles. The more similar tax systems are, the easier exchanges of information become, he said.

The 11 nations are Canada, West Germany, Japan, Britain, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, New Zealand, France, the Netherlands and

Civing added impetus to this convergence is the computerization of most tax agencies. Richard W. Hays, director of planning and research for the International Division, explained that efficient use of computers dictates certain formats and structures in processing and storage of information. Use of similar formats will make the information much easier to transfer

will exchange information via magnetic tape or disk in minutes.

Computers will also make possible almost instant analysis of the data through use of profiles and decision-making programs.

from one tax system to another. Computers will also make the exchange, processing, and analysis of these data immeasur-ably faster. Rather than having to rely on manual translation and transcription of documents over a matter of weeks or mooths, computers

As for handling the increased amount of information, Mr. Hays said that the IRS now matches more than a billion documents with taxpayer files, and additional data from foreign sources will present few, if any, problems.

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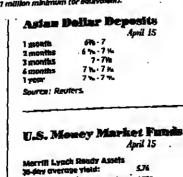
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African Economy Grew 0.8% In '87, Hurt Again by Prices

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - Africa's economic performance was including adverse weather condi-disappointing last year, with the tions, depressed commodity prices gross domestic product expanding only 0.8 percent, compared with 0.5 percent in 1986, according to a report issued here Friday.

Despite depressed commodity prices, the report by the African Development Bank and the Economic Commission for Africa saw room for "guarded optimism" in 1988. It predicted an inflation adjusted growth rate of 2.7 percent. Exports are expected to increase

by 4.2 percent, agricultural output by 4.1 percent and manufacturing by about 4.3 percent, the report said. But the projections were based oo the assumption that tural sector expanded by only 0.5 weather conditions would return to percent in 1987 after a strong 3.8 normal, oil prices would remain percent gain in 1986. It said that steady and governments would fol- cereal production, for example, fell low through on policy reforms.

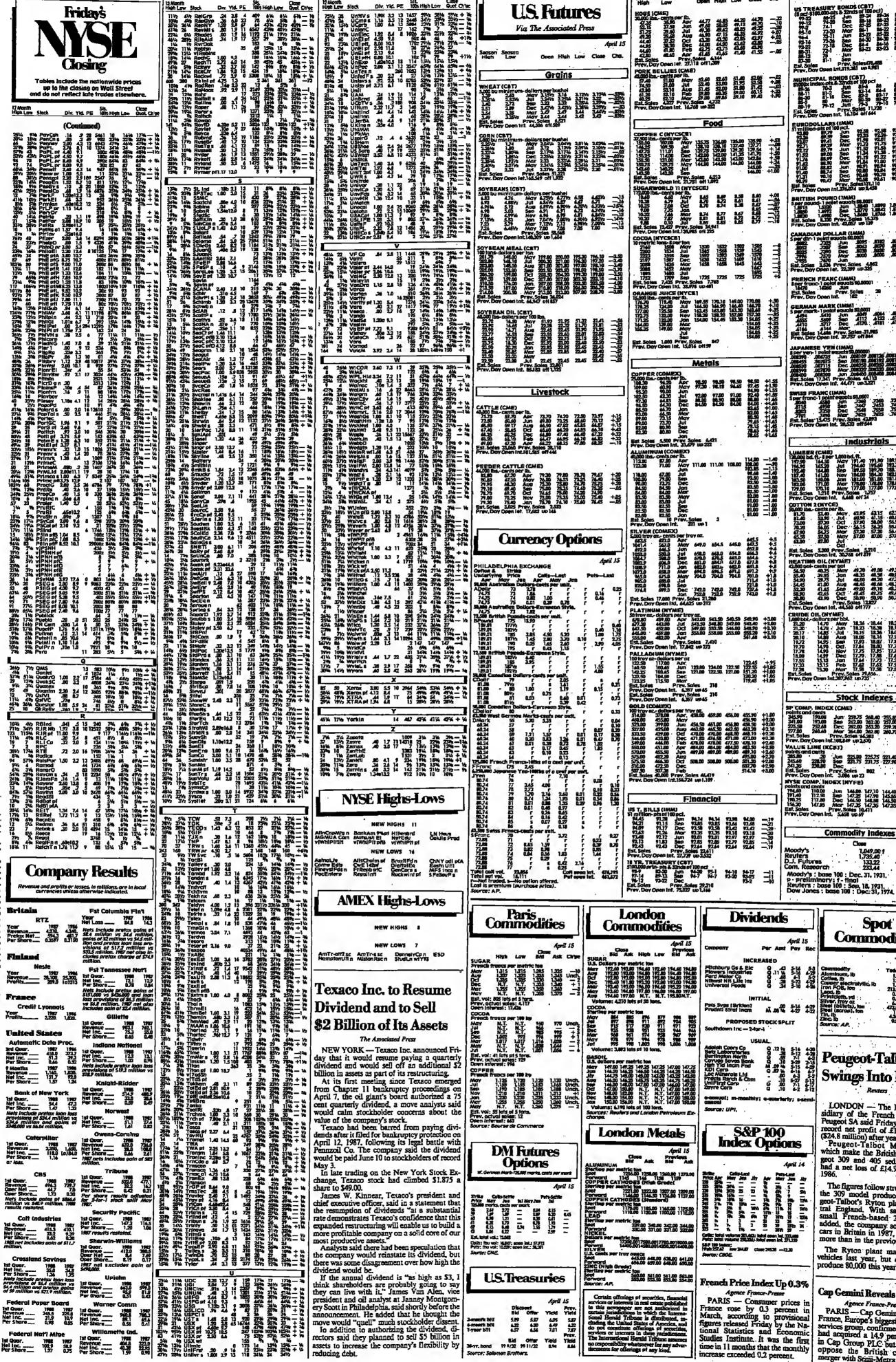
growth in 1987 to many factors, and the low level of capital inflows. Economists also have noted that the region's population is growing

about three times as fast as the economy is expanding. The report said that the debtserviciog burden continued to weigh beavily on African countries' efforts to implement plans for economic recovery and development.

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LONDON — The British subsidiary of the French automaker Peugeot SA said Friday it posted a record net profit of £13.1 million (\$24.8 million) after years of losses.

Peugeot-Talbot Motor Co. which make the British-built Peugeot 309 and 405 sedan models, had a net loss of £14.9 million in 1986.

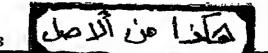
The figures follow strong sales of the 309 model produced at Peugeot-Talbot's Ryton plant in central England. With sales of the small French-based 205 model added, the company sold 100,000 cars in Britain in 1987, 17 percent more than in the president section. more than in the previous year.

The Ryton plant made 46,000 vehicles last year, but expects to produce 80,000 this year,

Cap Gemini Reveals Stake

PARIS — Cap Genini Sogeti of France, Europe's biggest computer services group, confirmed Friday it had acquired a 14.9 percent stake in Cap Group PLC but it did not oppose the British company's merger with Semi-Metra of France.

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includes a cash payment of \$1.25 shillion to the group that owns Cain Chemical. That sum represents a thinge windfall for the group, which festablished the company in July safer acquiring seven petrochemical plants for \$25 million in equity and \$1 billion in debt. Occidental ommander in chief is will assume all of Cain's debt under ommander in third is that of commander in that of commander in orces." he told one had topic of American deal topi The big winners in the deal inchude Chase Manhartan Bank and Morgan Stanley & Co. Each company said it would post a pretax again of about \$120 million on its stake in Cain. the company's chairman, will receive at least \$100 million for his 12 agests \$100

million for his 12 percent stake. He acturers. Analysts say the U.S. industry is operating at full capacity company after the merger, a and even must reject some foreign spokesman for the petrochemicals

In addition, about 1,200 of the posted huge profit increases last company's 1,300 employees, who year. The petrochemical divisions jump by 50 percent, to \$15 billion.

Rowntree Stock

a commodity chemicals producer stock ownership plan, which held io 1986.

12 percent of the company, according to William A. McMinn, presidive year founded last year on a gamble that industry demand would soar, has ragreed to be acquired by Occiden-tal Petroleum Corp. in a transac-tion valued at \$2.2 billion. dent and chief operating officer. Occidental agreed to operate Cain as a separate subsidiary, with 2. The pact announced Thursday a promise to retain current management and employees.

Occidental Buys Cain for \$2 Billion

By Thomas C. Hayes are paid an average of \$16 an hour, at the 14 largest U.S. oil company

Last year, when many iodustry executives were wary of expansion despite strong orders, Cain Chemi-cal was founded on the theory that a shortage of petrochemicals was coming and would last into the

Mr. Cain, 76, had previously raised the funds to buy seven plants from Du Pont Co., PPG Industries, Imperial Chemical Industries and others. He formerly headed petrochemical operations for the Conoco unit of Du Pont.

Since July, prices for many basic petrochemicals have doubled amid rising demand from plastics manubusiness.

The petrochemical industry

Béghin to Sell are paid an average of \$16 an hour, will receive an average of \$130,000 and through Cain's employee soar to \$3.7 billion from \$2 billion Part of Unit To Feldmühle

This is a reversal of the situation five years ago, when the industry was posting heavy losses because of DUSSELDORF - Feldmuhle AG, a paper and packexcess production capacity and ing material unit of Feldmühle Production costs have dropped because of the steep decline in Nobel AG, said Friday it had provisionally agreed to buy 50 percent of Papeterie Beghiocrude oil prices in the past two Corbehem SA of France and years. In addition, the drop in the that it had ao option to buy value of the dollar against nther major currencies has improved the U.S. industry's competitiveness

The holding company gave no financial details of the transaction with Beghin-Say, the French sugar producer that owns the paper group. Feldmühle's decision to buy

into the French market is linked to plans by the European Community to dissolve internal trade barriers by 1992. Feldmühle and Beghin-Say also plan to build a paper factory in the French town of Corbehem that would start production at the end of 1990. Beghin-Curbehem posted 1987 sales of about 2 hilling francs (\$354.7 million), and

Feldmühle had 3.7 hillinn

Deutsche marks (\$2.2 billion).

estimated that pretax profit would be £185 million in 1988.

would probably renew its takeover

bid for Birmid Qualcast PLC next

year, after its £275 million bid for

the engineering group failed in February. There is a one-year wait-ing period under British regula-

The analyst said Blue Circle

What the Future Holds for Générale: Carlo de Benedetti

BRUSSELS - Carlo de Beoedetti, the Italian financier, has lost a hostile bid to control Société Générale de Belgique, Belgium's biggest company, but analysts believe he is still virtual-

ly assured of an important role in its future. Mr. de Benedetti was defeated at a meeting of Societe Generale's stockholders on Thursday against a rival block of French and Belgian companies that brought the giant investment holding company firmly under their control.

Using their slender majority of the shares. the French-Belgian syndicate prevented Mr. de Benedetti and his two main allies from winning any sears on an expanded board while voting in 12 oew members themselves.

But what was already clear long before the meeting remains true now, analysts and members of both camps said: Sooner or later Mr. de Benedett's rivals will have to share power with him or "La Générale" will be paralyzed.

Many analysts believe it is only a maner of time before the exhausting three-month fight eods to some kind of peace agreement because neither Mr. de Benedetti nor his opponeots, led by the French financial group Compagnie Fin-

ancière de Suez, can afford to let it continue. Mr. de Benedetti and his allies are estimated to have spent more than \$1.5 billion amassing their stake of about 47 percent, while Suez is thought to have paid about \$1 billion for its 30

percent holding. Mr. de Benedetti's fight to control Societé Generale began in January.

His major stake was a powerful weapon because in the long term he could use it stop the Generale board from raising new capital that would be vital to its plans for developing the group ioto a leading international force. For that, approval is needed from three quar-

ters of the shareholders. "De Benedetti can do nothing positive or

active, but he can put the Generale to a situa-tion of asphyriation," said Andre Beier of the brokerage Dewaay, Schille, Servais & Compagnie in Brussels.

He estimated that the conglomerate would need to raise new capital within a year or two so that it could pump cash into unprofitable affili-

ates in Belgium. Mr. de Benedetti could also carry out threats to continue a series of legal actions against Societé Générale and the majority shareholders

or bring new ones, the analysts said.

"He will spend the whole time blocking them and disturbing them. He cannot really hinder day-to-day management but he can annoy them and wear them down," said Mooique Gerard,

an analyst with Peterbroeck, Van Campenhout. Weighing heavily against the use of these weapons, however, is the fact that Mr. de Benedetti would be harming his own interests as an important, though minority, shareholder.

FAA Grounds 6 Eastern Airlines Planes

MIAMI - Safety violations discovered in six Eastern Airlines planes during an unprecedented chanical problems that occur daily. a spokeswoman for the company

The Federal Aviation Administration forced Eastern to take the planes out of service on Thursday. the second day of an inspection of the company's 267 aircraft.

An FAA spokesman characterized the safety flaws as "minor vio- Unit of GM and Isuzu

said the overall results were "su-per." He added, "We are looking for at least £180 million pretax profit this year,"

Another building materials analations," "We have 1,400 flights a day, and every day you're going to have so many mechanical problems." said Paula Musto. a spokeswoman lyst, who declined to be identified, for Eastern.

"They would have been found on this day or another day." she said. "and more than likely they would have been found by Eastern's own mechanics. But we have people looking over our shoulder now.

In Minneapolis, an Atlanta- liter Midi vans each month.

leak. Eastern had cleared the plane cabin. Mr. Buckhorn said, for takeoif, but FAA inspectors relederal inspection involved me fused to let it fly. NBC News re- tinns," he said.

poned. Two other planes were also taken out of service because of minor fuel leaks, said Bob Buckhorn, an FAA spokesman in Washington. One plane was sidelined by cut tires and

are corrected.

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TOKYO - IBC Vehicle Ltd. of Britain, 60 percent owned by General Motors Corp. and 40 percent by Isuzu Motors Ltd., will start exporting vehicles to continental

To Sell Vans in Europe

Europe within a few months, an Isuzu spokesman said Friday. The plant in Luron, near Lon-don will export 1,000 of its two-

bound flight filled with passengers another by a problem with emer-was unloaded because of a fuel gency escape path markings in the "You're talking minor viola-

> Late Thursday a sixth plane was taken out of service when an inchlong crack was discovered in the skin of a plane in St. Louis, Missouri. said an FAA spokesman. John Leyden.

The airline can return the planes to service as soon as the problems

The 30-day inspection of all Eastern planes began Wednesday after the FAA fined the company \$223,000 for safety violations. Transportation Secretary James H. Burnley 4th said officials had been unsatisfied with Eastern's performance since its takeover in 1986 by Texas Air Corp.

"Some of my customers already don't want to fly on Eastern anymore," said Isabel Chalen, owner of the Four Corners Travel Agency in Miami Beach.

Change Sought In Post Charter

WASHINGTON - The

Graham lamily is seeking to tighten its control of The Washington Post Co. through a change in the company's change, officials at the newspaper said Friday.

In a move aimed at preventing any outside takeover, the family has proposed an amendment stating that no party can take control without separate approval of a majority of each class of stock. The Post has two classes, one coo-trolled by the Grahams and the other traded publicly.

The proposal, to be voted on by stockholders May 12, is a reaction to efforts to take control of Media General Inc.. Post officials said.

Blue Circle Raised Profit by 22% Last Year

higher oil prices.

against some foreign producers.

this year, with most of the revenue

from three basic commodity chemi-

cals: ethylene, high-density po-lyethelene and ethylene glycol.

overlap with Occidental's opera-tions," Mr. McMinn said in a tele-

phone interview from his home in

Houston, "So, we think they are

Last year. Occidental reported

sales of \$2.79 billion from chemi-

cals, up from \$2.01 billion in 1986.

Overall sales were \$17.09 billion. Industry analysts expect the U.S. trade surplus in petrochemicals to

going to need us."

"Fortunately, there is very little

Cain expects sales of \$1.3 billion

Soars on Talk Of Takeover

Reuters

LONDON - Rowntree PLC's share price surged Friday on the London Stock Exchange on speculation that Nestle SA or Hershey Foods

Corp. might bid for the candy company, dealers said.

In late trading, Rowntree shares were at 710 pence, up 24 from Thursday's close, after a quoted high of 740 pence.

English this rate leaves to the control of the Earlier this week, Jacobs Suchard SA of Switzerland annonneed that it had purchased a 14.9 percent stake in Rown-

Market speculation on Friday was that Nestle of Switzerland was considering an offer of 750 pence a share, and that Hershey of the United States could bid as much as 850 pence. Analysts say a fair price. Reuters

LONDON - Blue Circle Industries PLC, a cement group, reported Friday that pretax profit rose 22 percent last year to £155 million graphical areas last year. (\$290.5 million), largely on strong business in Britain and the sale of Overseas assets

Blue Circle said earnings per share rose to 47.7 pence from 38.3 pence in 1986.

Sales fell slightly to £1.06 billion from £1.09 billion. The largest profit increase was in the U.K. cement division, where operating profit was up 58.3 per-cent at 145.6 million, the group

said in a statement. That increase reflected the buoyant bome and office building in-

Blue Circle added that extraordinary profit of £71.2 million came of the ready-mix concrete industry, largely from the disposals of investing which Blue Circle has a 60 perments in Australia, New Zealand cent market share.

and said the company was in a 'Angus Phaure, an analyst with

position for good earnings growth the brokerage County NatWest. this year. Blue Circle's British operations

increased their lead over other geo-Operating profit in Britain over-

all, including home products and property, rose 53 percent to £79.2 million. "Distribution costs were reduced by the closure of a number of de-

pots and the cessation of cement packing in others," the company said. It said it had reduced the size of its truck fleet. Blue Circle's growth last year was achieved in the face of a serback in its U.S. business.

Operation profit fell by £10.5 million to £35.9 million to the United States. This, the company said, was largely the result of a price war among producers in Atlanta, center

The fall in the dollar exchange Analysis called the results strong rate was another factor.

Mr. Phaure said the setback was temporary. They already own 43.9 percent, so the writing is on the wall," he said. The market saw Blue Circle's

Birmid bid as an attempt to huild up a more integrated business. The offer lapsed after Blue Circle announced a discrepancy in its processing of shareholder acceptances,

which inioally was given as 50.01 percent but was later scaled back to 49.5 percent.

BHP to Get \$703 Million by Redemption of Stock in Elders

**E- MELBOURNE — Broken Hill Pty. will rethe policy to dispose of nonstrategic assets, will return approximately 950 million dollars to be lars (\$703 million) from Elders IXL Ltd. with the early redemption of a large parcel of re-deemable preference shares in Elders.

- Elders said Friday that it had occotiated an early redemption of the 860 seven-year redeemwable preference shares, valued at 1 million dollars each, which were issued two years ago.
Elders will repay BHP the 860 million dollars plus an extra dividend, or "balloon payment," from less than 6 billion. putting the total at about 940 million dollars,

Resources Ltd., allowed BHP to retire debt October stock markets collapse. incurred in its multibillion dollar restructuring

carlier this year. dividend on the preference shares amounting to and other assets, including oil leases and copper about 10 million dollars.

This redemption, which is in accord with utilized to repay short-term debt raised as a consequence of the BHP restructuring in February this year," BHP's chairman, Sir James Balderstone, said.

In February, BHP paid Bell Resources, owned by Robert Holmes à Court, 21 billion dollars for 300 million BHP shares, raising BHP's overall debt to around 8 billion dollars

The Elders preference shares were identified the company said. The redemption is subject to early as assets likely to be sold to help fund the buyback, which was designed to diminish the influence of Mr. Holmes à Court and Elders on the height of BHP's attempts to fend off Bell the BHP share register in the aftermath of the

BHP, Australia's largest company, already has sold a large slice of its 61 percent stake in BHP will still receive the normal 6.75 percent the steel products maker Rheem Australia Ltd.

Shares in BHP have bounced back recently outperform the market since its stockholde approved the restructuring.

"It's been terrific," said Stuart McKibbin, a analyst with A.C. Goode & Co. "The volum has returned, and overseas investors, particle larly from the United States, are back."

The buyback was approved at 7 dollars share on Feb. 25. The market price for BH shares has since jumped 21 percent, to 8.1

dollars from 6.70 dollars. Over the same period, the market's key Al Ordinaries Index has risen 17.9 percent, part oo the strength of BHP, which has a 13 perce

weighting in the index. Analysts said investors had endorsed th restructuring despite the greatly increased del load and only modest profit forecasts for the final quarter of BHP's 1987-88 financial year which ends May, 31. BHP is expected to repo about 900 million dollars net profit for 1987-

against 820.27 million a year earlier. and lead properties.

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Reuters

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China, Where Foreign Firms Must Buy if They Want to Sell

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**Sprice of doing business. The use of barter is increasing in China, which is eager to import technology to help modernize a backward economy but short of foreign currency to pay for it.

**To is probably best described as Yon scratch my back and I'll scratch yours, "said Jack Utley, a representative of McDoonell of the National Council for U.S.-China Trade.

**McDonnell Douglas has agreed to help export \$200 million worth of Chinase goods as part of its sale of 30 MD20 airliners to China.

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MADRID — The Spanish government approved a plan Friday to offer up to one-fourth of the capital of the state-owned utility Empresa Nacional de Electricidad SA to Spanish and foreign investors.

A government spokesman, Javier Solana, said after a cabinet meeting that the partial privalization would be the most important to be carried out in Soain in recent years. Endesa's carried out in Spain in recent years. Endesa's chairman, Feliciano Fuster, said Wednesday that the company was hoping to proceed with the offer next month. that the company was hoping to proceed with the offer next month.

Analysts said the flotation, involving up to 65 million shares, would raise more than 100 billion pesetas (\$903 million) at current market prices. Endesa is 96 percent owned by the state bolding company Instituto Nacional de Indistria, with the remainder in private hands.

INI, which recently offered shares in the paper producer Empresa Nacional de Celulosa to the public, is seeking to privatize minority stakes m its more profitable companies.

INI is planning to float the state airline Iberia and the petroleum group Repsol SA this year or in early 1989.

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In London, the U.S. currency closed at 1.6600 DM, down from 1.6650 at the opening and 1.6635 at Thursday's close, and at 123.83 yen, virtually unchanged from 123.75 at the previous close.

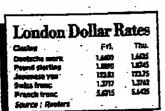
The British pound closed at \$1,8890, a six-year high, up from \$1,8745 at the previous close. The dollar also closed in London

.at 1.3717 Swiss francs, down fractionally from 1.3762, and at 5.6315 French francs, down from 5.6425. There's not a massive force to sell now," a London-based dealer said. Next week, all will depend

on the central banks' resolve." News that the Commerce Department raised its estimated increase for 1988 capital spending to 8 percent from 7.3 percent, indicating that consumer spending may continue to be strong, added to the marker's anxiety Friday, market

analysts said. "It's obvious the U.S. economy does have some nascent inflationary pressure building up" that has raised the market's concern that interest rates may rise, a New York

Remarks by the West German ness as investors take advantage of



finance minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg, in Washington also added to the market's confusion over rising interest rates, dealers said. Mr. Stoltenberg said he believed that U.S. authorities did not anticipate B sharp rise in interest rates in the

The remarks disconcerted many in the market, dealers said, but did lead to some dollar selling. However, most dealers said they did not believe the Fed would raise interest rates dramatically, particularly considering that such a move could depress the stock and bond marets further. "If they raised rates even a little it would be disastrous,"

Meanwhile, dealers agreed that sterling would remain well bid in the short term and would continue to benefit from the dollar's weak-

interest-rate differentials between Britain and its major partners. In earlier trading, the dollar was fixed in Frankfurt at 1.6643 DM. down from 1.6916, and at 5.6458 French francs in Paris, down from 5.7365, It closed in Zurich at 1.3715 Swiss francs, down from 1.3765.

In Tokyo, where trading ended as the European markets are opening, the dollar plunged 2.02 yen to close at 124.13 yen despite heavy intervention by the Bank of Japan.

Dealers said the central bank stepped in early and bought \$500 million to \$1 billion, purchasing dollars whenever the exchange rate approached 123,90 yea, as markets reacted to Thursday's U.S. trade report and a 101-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average.

A senior Japanese central banker said Japan had no plans at present to alter its monetary policy to support the dollar against the yen.

The banker, who briefed reporters on condition that he oot be named, said the dollar's decline should be short-lived because the market overreacted to the February widening of the U.S. trade deficit. He said currency market intervention was the best way to cope with such short-term market vola-(Reuters, AP, UPI)

German Sees No Sharp Rise

In U.S. Rates

WASHINGTON - The West German finance minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg, said Friday that he believed the U.S. authorities did not fear there would soon be a sharp

Reuters

rise in interest rates. "I do oot see - and I have talked about this with nur American partners including Chairman Greenspan - that the relevant people here in the Fed or government fear a sharp rise in interest rates in the short term," Mr. Stoltenberg said.

He referred to the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan.

But Mr. Stoltenberg added: "If there were strong expectations that the dollar would be sharply devalued then American interest rates would rise because the Americans must fioance B current account deficit of \$150 billion this year with capital imports."

U.S. Markets Plan an All-Out Circuit Breaker

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The New Ynrk Stock Exchange and the Chicago Mercanule Exchange are developing a plan to shut down all trading in stocks and stock-index futures when the Dow Jones industrial average swings up or down by 200 to 300 points or more in one day,

the chairmen of the markets say. The comments came Thursday in resumony before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, as the Dow was heading toward a decline of 101.46 points.

"You've got to let the market seek its own level," John J. Phelan Jr., the NYSE chairman, said. "But there comes a time when a systematic halt — a safety net — that is known in advance

is helpful." Mr. Phelan and Leo Melamed, chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, told Congress that they hoped to reach agreement within two to four weeks on bow to coordinate a close in trading. But they were still in disagreement over when such a circuit breaker should kick m. Mr. Phelan said that a halt should exceed a

half-hour, but should not last all day, especially if it begins in the morning. He also argued that there were pitfalls to setting the cutoff point at a level that is too frequently hit by swings. Analysts and traders noted that the circuit

breaker already put in place by the NYSE may bave caused more volatility than it curbed when it was triggered Thursday.

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culation that excludes them as pro-

viding a good underlying indica-tion of inflationary pressures. Far

the first three months of 1988,

wholesale prices for goods other

than food and energy rose at an annualized rate of 5.7 percent.

Automobile prices were up 1 per-cent last month, regaining the level

they had registered in November

before manufacturers began offer-

ing dealers rebates and other incen-

costs advanced 2 percent in March.

Newspaper prices rose 1.4 percent.

1.5 percent after dropping about 9

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Costs rose for a variety of food

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0.4 percent, double the increases of

fish and pasta products.

rule barring member firms from using its automated system to enter index-arbitrage orders whenever the Dow moved up or down more than 50 points. The rule was invoked Thursday

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the second time. In the immediate aftermath of the day's trading, there remained more confusion than anything else. And many traders complained that

the 50-point rule exacerbated the drop. The NYSE rule is aimed at so-called "index arbitragers. They are the large professional investors who simultaneously trade stocks and stock-index futures, which are traded on Chica-

The futures are designed to trade at prices that theoretically track the price of their underlying stock iodex. But because the stock and futures markets each serve largely different communities of investors, the prices occasionally diverge, creating a discrepancy between them

known as the "spread." At certain times, this spread grows so large that an arbitrager can profit by buying the stocks and selling the corresponding future, or vice versa. That way be locks to a gain equivalent to the spread minus such expenses as bro-

kerage commissions. To do so, however, requires split-second rrading — generally dictated by computer programs - and the placement of huge buy or sell orders nearly simultaneously nn the stock and

In February, the NYSE imposed a trading ule barring member firms from using its autoturnaround" system, which can transmit mil-

lions of dollars in orders to the floor in seconds. The so-called "collar" shuts DOT to arbitragers, bot does not restricts them from transmitting their orders manually, using the virtual army of independent brokers aiways available on the exchange floor. This army was widely deployed Thursday after the collar went into

effect at 1:54 P.M. "At 50 points the automated trading stopped," and the independent brokers "were all warming up in the bullpen," said Robert Jacobson Jr_a floor specialist whose job is to supervise the trading in several stocks. "At 50.03 points they were out of the starting gate, and coce it started it waso't going to stop for the rest of the day."

Market charts show that for most of Thursday's session, during which a negative U.S. trade report was sending stocks steadily lower, the Standard & Poor's 500 stock-index spread remained at B stable 50 points: too small to inspire any arbitrage trading.

Withio minutes of the collar, the spread yawned to more than 300 points, an irresistible arbitrage opportunity: Stock trading volume virtually exploded. Continually hampered by the collar, the spread oscillated wildly for the

IMF Rules Out Central Role in Solving Global Debt Crisis

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund ruled out on Friday becoming the central player in a global solution to the

IMF officials, in a communique issued after a meeting of the policymaking Interim Committee and in discussions with reporters, made clear there was oo support for the formation of a global debt facility.

There have been a oumber of proposals in recent months that governments or the IMF form B pool of funds that could buy existing debt from desperate debtor na-

tions at a discount. There was no support within the Interim Committee for any kind of global debt facility, or dis-

system for dealing with the debt crisis, which has preoccupied the IMF and global economic policy makers for six years.

Mr. Ruding attempted to deflect questions about the plummeting U.S. stock market that stunned finance ministers and central bankers attending the spring meeting this week of the IMF and World

He said the Interim Committee had been concentrating its efforts on long-range problems rather than short-term turmoil in the markets. The communique noted that

"economic activity appeared to have been relatively well sustained in industrial countries in spite of the decline in stock markets." Mr. Ruding said that he saw no reason to change the view that the global economy appeared to have

a chance to digest the impact of a government report showing the U.S. trade deficit had worsened

Before the market retreat and the need by central banks to prop up the dollar, a recurring theme had been that cooperation to stabilize currencies had been working well and that global economies were more in harmony than they had been in a long time. The meetings ended Friday.

After Thursday's Wall Street drop, finance ministers and central bankers repeatedly emphasized the increase in the U.S. trade deficit was a one-month affair and did oot constitute a trend.

The communique said the committee approved a broadcoing of the compensatory financing facility, which protects developing coun-

The markets on Fridsy seemed tries from interest-rate fluctuato calm a bit with investors having tions, allowing them more funds by this economic avenue, but uoder more stringent conditions.

It also emphasized the need for resolute and cooperative policies to minimize the downside risks in the global economic outlook. It said the United States should

reduce its budget deficit further. while Europe and Japan should implemeot economic reforms to reduce industrial subsidies. The panel emphasized the im-

portance of improving the ioternational monetary system to part by developing further the use of indicators to measure economic perfor-As it has in the past, the commit-

tee endorsed the existing case-by-case approach to Third World debt problems and said the IMF should continue to support market-based

was roughly in line with econogains - above I percent - were in mists' expectations. Production metal-cutting machine tools and had been increasing at a steady

go exchanges.

office and store equipment.
Prices dropped slightly, however. for other goods, including women's clothing, shoes, cosmetics and September, when production fell 0.2 percent. Production had shot

bome electronics equipment. The averall gain in March brought the wholesale price index to 106.2. That means a selection of goods costing \$100 at the wholesale level in 1982 would have cost \$106.20 last month, or 30 cents

more than in February. Prescription drug prices rose 1,3 percent and over-the-counter drug Wholesale prices rose only 2.2 percent for all of 1987. The index, bowever, does not include two categories in which price increases have Wholesale gasoline prices rose been more pronounced in recent mooths; services and imports. percent since November. Home

Those two categories are included in the Consumer Price lodex, which rose 4.4 percent last year. Consumer prices for the first two in February. Among them were months of 1988 were running at an eggs, fresb fruits, coffee, poultry, annual rate of 3.2 percent. Data oo retail price activity in March will be Capital equipment prices rose issued until later this month,

The increase reported by the Fed

was unchanged. Mining output increased 0.4 per-

pace. 0.5 percent in November and

December and a revised 0.4 percent

in January. The last decline was io

The string of six straight ad-

The March rise included B 0.2

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in February. Auto output rose 2.6

February. The output of passenger cars was 6.6 millioo units at an

annual rate in March, up sharply

Factories making durable goods,

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PRICES: U.S., Dampening Optimism, Says Wholesale Index Rose 0.6% January and February. The biggest for industrial production in March cent after a 1 percent drop in February. Output at U.S. utilities dropped 1.2 percent after a 0.5 percent increase the previous month. Output in the defense and space

sector fell 0.3 percent in March after gains of 0.1 percent io February and 0.6 percent in January.

The various changes left industrial production at 134.6 percent of its 1977 base of 100.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said U.S. businesses were planning to boost investment in new plant and equipment this year by 8 perceot, a

sign of confidence in the economy. The projected 1988 rise in capital spendiog would be the largest since a 9.6 percent increase in real capital spending to 1985, the Commerce Department said.

Businesses plan to spend a total \$419.91 billinn this year nn new plant and equipment, according to survey conducted in January through March. The biggest increase io planoed investments is in the manufacturing sector, the department said. (AP. Reuters)

count facility, of any nature," the chairman of the committee, H. shaken off the worst of last Octo-Onno Ruding, said. ber's stock market collapse, despite At the same time, officials said the sudden retreat on Thursday. there had been some changes in the **Friday's**

MASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.

Via The Associated Press

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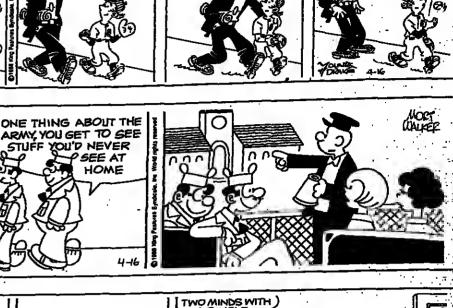
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By David Owen, 215 pages, \$16.95. Villard Books. Random House, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Reviewed by John Gross

AT a Multilevel Marketing Symposium in Salt Lake City, a video is expounding the virtues of a powdered food-replacement beverage mix called Luv-it. it can be taken by itself or (depending on your girth) used in combination with either Lose-it

If you want something to read, you can subscribe to a magazine called Chain Saw Age ("not to be confused with Chain Store Age") or write away for a book called "Desairology: Hairstyling for the Deceased.

Your Barbie doll won't be complete without a glow-in-the-dark evening gown and a pet tropical bird with reversible wings. And why not buy yourself a bag of Parsnip Chips?
David Owen, a journalist who has published two

previous books, "High School" (an account of his

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experiences during a semester he spent passing himself off as a high school student) and "None of the Above" (an inquiry into the more arguable practices of the standardized-testing industry), has now collected the magazine pieces in which he has been exploring the neglected corners and unsung

exploits of American capitalism.

"The Man Who Invented Saturday Morning" is highly entertaining and highly informative and in large measure entertaining because it is informative. Part of Oven's success lies in his happy choice of subject matter. The world of conventions, for example, would have struck most writers as a promising

enough theme in itself, but Owen wasn't satisfied

with dropping in on just any convention. He beat a path to the annual convention of Meeting Planners International — a meeting of professional meeting planners, which meant that it was also, as he says, a "metameeting," an example of the sort of thing it was supposed to be consider-

This particular gathering took place in St. Louis, a city that in recent years has been making a strenuous effort to attract convention business.

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

Owen takes the opportunity to offer some reflections about the convention industry at large. But it is the details that stick. The advertisement for a convention resort in California, for instance: "Banquets will be served with a flare as seen in European hotels"; and the audiovisual presentation of "Megatrends," with its prediction that "Swedes will become more Swedish.

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Another excursion took Owen to Naples, New York, where there is a museum devoted to worldwide developments in packaged goods. About 5,000 items are shown on a rotating basis; they testify, among other things, to what Owen calls "the implacable optimism at the heart of free enterprise," since a high proportion of them will never get past the market-testing stage.

The museum has a special section, in fact, featuring proven failures. The exhibits include such imaginative might-have-beens as Touch of Yogurt sham-poo, Nullo deodorant tablets, Gimme Cucumber hair conditioner, and Gorilla Balls vitamin-enriched malt candy.

Given this kind of material, or given the wonderful array of trade magazines that he surveys in his essay "The Fifth Estate," it may sound as though all Owen has to do to be funny is to compile a list. But a light touch is much harder to achieve than it looks

and the more I read him, the more I found myself admiring his nimbleness and sense of timing.

The title essay, "The Man Who Invented Saturday Morning," is about the marketing genius who first hit on the idea of using television cartoons to sell toys. But it touches on many other aspects of the toy industry as well, including the history of Lego (a Danish invention), and in passing it proffers such who also invented to the United States by the man who also invented the parking meter. Owen never forgets to hand in his trivia.

Of course, Saturday morning, as reinvented by the toy industry, is no joke. Most children's television is not only "abysmal" (Owen's word), but likely to have disastrous consequences in years to come, educational and otherwise. Since Owen doesn't like

anything that smacks of censorship, he doesn't know what the answer is, but then which of us does?

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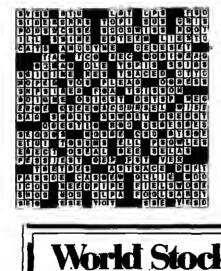


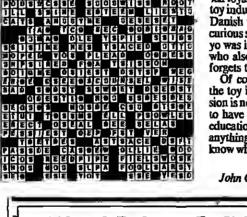


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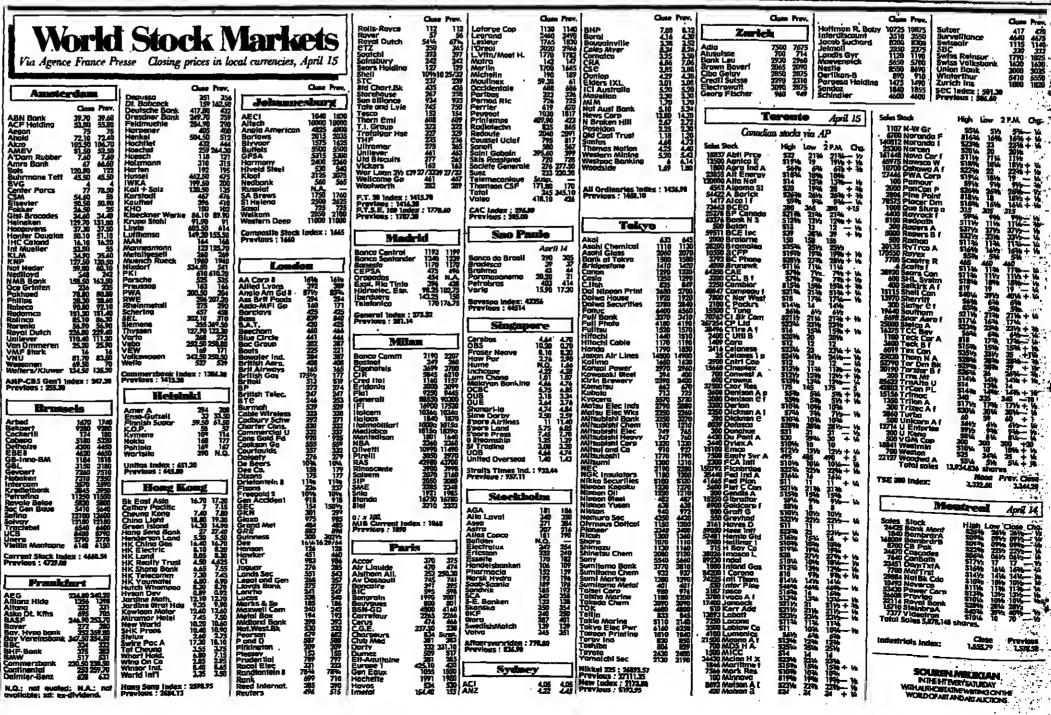
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Presidutt neter maie b Rangaa, who owns a career best 2:08:10, but was 11th last year at Boston, Anybody can win. Although Rosa Mota of Portugal a from course of among was the odds-on favorite to retain k Manslaught lier women's title, she said she was Over America's Cup Taking Shape

the which are pleased pine. Olympics this September in Seoul. then of a teen-age man. Mota said she didn't worry if fre to the term in the line people thought she was the favorite ng the whom lengths in Boston. "We can have good days and bad days," she said. "We can かんかんじんじゃい 下上 gever say we are the best and are tine to the constant is soing to win because the sport is t-stat culture grassie. too unpredictable." imit: r eading on as

Mota's strongest competition could be 43-year-old Priscilla Welch of Great Britain, winner of ar doned his stoned made fast fail's New York City Mara-thon. While Welch competes in the ter emains a deserment masters (over 40) category, she is looking at the top spot.

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"It does begin to wear a bit these days because I'm concentrating on the open division," Welch said of questions concerning her age. "It's d from Rome of Sugar Eobvious Rosa's going to be the faters to a server had labor vorite, but anyone is vulnerable.

Charles and the second "The race itself is a challenge a boat on the line, and Fay would me against me," Welch said. "I just lose a lot of lace if he didn't show an expense compensation want to go to Scoul."

Meanwhile, Ethiopian runners, Conner spoke Thursday to a small gathering of reporters who Mekonnen withdrew from the race were invited to sail with him in The second of th and instead will run at Rotterdam. strong winds aboard his training

Boston officials received word of the Ethiopian government's decision Wednesday.

Mekonnen, who posted a career best marathen time of 2 hours 8

best marathon time of 2 hours, 8 ner is taking the scheduled three-minutes, 33 seconds at Tokyo in race Cup series starting Sept. 3 seri-ously, his waist size clinched it. Cup rolls around.



John McEnroe beat Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan Friday 7-6 (10-8), 7-6 (9-7) in a tough quarterfinal at the Japan Open champi-

onships. The tournament is McEnroe's first since he played in the U.S. Open in September, Matsuoka ranks 271 in the world.

Orioles Take 9th Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Desputches
BALTIMORE — They twice

couldn't get down sacrifice hunts. they made three errors, they balked wice and they handed the Kansas City Royals three uncarned runs. What else can be expected of the Baltimore Orioles this year?

Thursday night they finally weren't blown away by the fourth, or lifth inning, but the winless and hapless Orioles nonetheless found a way to lose their ninth straight game, this one. 4-3 at home.

The latest loss helped them scratch a bit closer to major league history. Only three teams have ever had worse starts than the Orioles. and no team in 20 years has started this badly. Over the horizon, they now can see the three worst begin-nings of all time —0-13 by the 1904 Senators and 1920 Tigers and 0-10 by the 1968 White Sox.

Outfielder Jeff Stone completed a horrible night for himself by mis-playing Frank White's ninth-inning fly into the game-winning run. Jim Eisenreich raced home from first on the error, not the only one for Stone, who earlier had been unable to get a sacrifice bunt down was picked off first and went hitless in three at-bats.

"It's a tough one to lose." Manag-er Frank Robinson said. "If we try hard and keep giving 100 percent like we did tonight, we're going to be

okay. We made mistakes tonight, but they were mental mistakes."

They lost despite rallying from a 3-0 deficit with a run in the fifth and two in the sixth. They lost despite pitcher Mike Boddicker (0-3) turning in a superb performance -- nine innings, five hits, one earned run, no

walks and 10 strikeouts. The Royals got a 1-0 lead in the second after Eisenreich got a oneout single and eventually scored on

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Boddicker's balk. Frank White followed with a bouncer that third baseman Schu fielded and tossed to second for the force on Eisenreich. His throw was late and the Royals had two men on.

Then, with Bo Jackson at the plate, Eisenreich stole third. Boddicker got Jackson on an infield pop, but with Jamie Quirk batting, Boddicker was called for his third balk of the season. His problem again was that he didn't bring his hands to a stop before throwing home, and his first three balks all have put runs on the scoreboard.

"It's [the umpires] game." Bod-dicker said. "They control it. They call them when they want to. I kept us in the game and did my joh. but the balks are getting ridiculous."

Kansas City's Brei Saberhagen

(1-1) went eight innings for the vic-tory, and relievers Bud Black and Gene Garber worked out of ninthinning trouble.

Saberhagen was perfect at the

beginning, retiring the first 13 hit-ters before Fred Lynn's first home run got the Orioles within 3-1 in the ed the National League manager of the year in 1982 by United Press International when

They ded it, 3-3, in the sixth, but not without a couple more poor plays. Schu led off with a single to During the 1984 season, he was dismissed by Tom Haller, the Giants' general manager, who had openly wanted to be the manager. right, but was forced at second when Stone couldn't get the sacri-lice down. As if that wasn't bad enough, Stone was so anxious to steal second that wandered too far

from first and got picked off. Red Sox 2, Brewers 0: In Boston, Roger Clemens allowed six hits and struck out 13 to lead Boston to a 2-0 victory over Milwaukee in his first complete game of the season. Clemens, 2-0, pushed his leagueleading strikeout total to 33 in three

starts, outducking Bill Wegman, who allowed just two uncarned runs on four hits over eight innings. Yankees 7, Jays 3: in Toronto, Dave Winfield drove in four runs

with a home run and a triple, and Rickey Henderson had three hits, including a home run, leading New York to victory over Toronto. Rookie Al Leiter, 2-0, allowed four hits in eight innings to help the

Yankees win their third game in Toronto as the four-game series ended. Leiter struck out 11 before needing ninth-inning relief help from Cecilio Guante. Rangers 2, Tigers 1: In Detroit,

Jose Guzman combined with Mitch Williams on a four-hitter. each drove in a run, leading Texas victory over Detroit. Gozman, 1-1, allowed all four Detroit hits, struck out four and did not walk a batter in cight innings.

Indians 3, Twins 1: In Cleveland, Tom Candiotti pitched his second

Cruyff Looks At Barcelona

AMSTERDAM -- Johan Cruyff, the former soccer star from the Netherlands, said Friday be would either become Barcelona's manager or will take a one year sabbatical from soccer.

Last Saturday, Cruyft's manager, Eric Vilet, said that Robert Maxwell, the British publisher and a shareholder in English football clubs, had offered to help Cruyff upgrade Urrecht into a top team. But Cruyff said the talks bad

Cruyff said such talks suggested "a totally new concept when Europe's borders open up in the future." He predicted business concerns and sports clubs would "interact more than ever before."

straight complete game and Willie Upshaw had two hits and scored twice as Cleveland defeated Minnesota. The victory was the eighth in the last nine games for Cleveland, which at 8-2 is off to its best start since the team went 10-0 in 1966. Candiouri, 2-0, allowed eight hits, walked three and struck out six.

Athletics 5, Mariners 4: At Scattle. Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire hit consecutive homers in the eighth inning, rallying Oakland, Canseco's two-run shot, his fifth homer of the year, and McGwire's fourth homer came off reliever Jerry Reed, 1-1, and erased a 4-2 Scattle lead. Dave Stewart improved to 3-0 and Dennis Eckersley notched his fourth save.

Mets 1. Expos 0: In the National League, in New York, Len Dykstra hit a leadoff homer in the sixth inning, and New York rode the two-hit pitching of Bob Ojeda to a 1-0 victory over Montreal on

Dykstra's home run came off Dennis Martinez, 1-2, who allowed two hits through seven innings. Dykstra had the other hit off Martinez, a one-out single in the third.

Padres 2, Dodgers 0: At San Diego, Jimmy Jones, t-1, pitched 6% innings while Lance McCullers picked up his second save to lift San Diego. Mike Scioscia's throwing error in the fourth inning allow-ing Tony Gwynn put the Padres on the scoreboard. Dodger pitcher Fernando Valenzuela, 1-2, went the distance giving up 9 hits and four

Valenzuela gave up the second run in the seventh when he walked John Kruk with the bases loaded to make the score 2-0. Stan Jefferson led off with a single, took third on Gwynn's single and Randy Ready drew a walk. Kruk then forced in Jefferson when be took ball four on a 3-2 pitch.

Astros 9, Reds 3: At Houston, Glenn Davis hit his fifth borne run of the season and drove in five runs to lead Houston, Danny Darwin, I-0. went 8% innings for the victory. retiring the first nine batters he faced. Dennis Rasmussen, 0-1. picked up the loss for Cincinnati.

Pirates 4, Phillies 2: In Pittsburgh, Barry Bonds hit two solo home runs and Junior Ortiz hit a homer and forced in the tie-breaking run with a walk as Pittsburgh beat Philadelphia. (WP. AP. UPI)

Senators Say **Baseball Must Expand or Else**

WASHINGTON - U.S. senators, whose constituencies include regions seeking major league baseball franchises, have threatened to introduce legislation repealing the sport's antitrust exemption unless the owners set a timetable for expanding the number of clubs. Senator Timothy E. Wirth

Democrat of Colorado and chairman of the Senate task force on the expansion of major league baseball, said Thursday that his panel wants another meeting with commis-sioner Peter Ueberroth before baseball's all-star hreak meeting and wants a schedule set by the owners at that time.

"We don't consider the response of major league baseball to be in good faith," said Sena-tor Boh Graham, Democrat of Florida, after the lawmakers met with Don Fehr, director of the players association.

After that meeting, the several lawmakers declared they would take action if they did not receive an answer to their request that the league seriously consider expansion beyond its current 26 teams.

Baseball is the only major U.S. professional sport to enjoy a complete antitrust exempoon. The Supreme Court has said for more than 60 years it is up to Congress to repeal the exemption.

Robinson: The First, 4th and 5th Black Manager

NEW YORK - Not long after Frank Rob-inson was hired by the Cleveland Indians in 1975 as baseball's first black manager, the Hall of Fame slugger who hit 586 home runs remembered how, as far hack as 1961, he had begun to think of staying in baseball.

"By the time I was ready to be a manager," he said at the time, "I believed baseball would be ready for a hlack manager. Not that I was thinking about being the first black manager. It turned out that way, but 1 would be just as happy being the third or the fifth black manager.

Almost prophetically, Frank Robinson was hired in 1981 by the San Francisco Giants as the fourth black manager and be has now been hired by the Baltimore Orioles as the fifth black manager. . But in another sense, Robinson is the first

black manager again; The first since Al Campanis, then a vice president of the Los Angeles Dodgers, shook baseball a year ago by saying blacks lacked "some of the necessities" to be managers and front-office executives.

Ever since, baseball has been under surveillance. And the danger now is that some baseball owners will believe that as long as

By Angus Phillips

is confident there will be an Ameri-

ca's Cup regatta in September pit-

ting his state-of-the-art, still unfin-

ished catamaran, Stars & Stripes, against Michael Fay's immense

never would come to terms on a

series that both expect to be a mis-

match, and instead would end up

battling for the Cup in court, Conner said:

"It sounds to me like there's go-ing to be a race. Both sides have

spent a lot of money. I can't imag-ine San Diego Yacht Club without a boat on the line, and Fay would

Baseball

monobull, New Zealand.

Washington Past Service SAN DIEGO — Dennis Conner

VANTAGE POINT/Dave Anderson

clubs are no longer obliged to consider or train black candidates. But if baseball is truly serious about hiring

black managers and black front-office executives, Frank Robinson isn't enough. Except for four weeks at the beginning of the 1981 schedule, before Maury Wills was dismissed by Seattle while Robinson was just starting his first season with the Giants, major league baseball has never had two

black managers simultaneously.

Larry Doby finished the 1978 schedule with the Chicago White Sox after Robinson was dismissed by the Indians during the 1977 season and before Wills was hired by the Mariners in 1980.

For all the minority-hiring statistics flowng from Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's office, baseball can't congranulate itself until blacks are much more visible in the dugout and in the front office—until there are three or four black managers at the same time as two or three black general managers.
Frank Robinson, ironically, falls into both

A 'Nervous' Conner Sees Challenge

Dennis Conner

Conner, who has fought a lifelong

battle with excess weight, is down 40 pounds (18 kilograms) to a trim 211 pounds (96 kilograms). He said weight will be critical to

the success of his catamaran, which

will carry a crew of four or five

compared to about 40 aboard New

Zealand, and Conner hopes to be

down to 185 pounds by the time the

Robinson is the Orioles' manager, other categories. When the Orioles lost their first six games, the worst start in the 33-year history of the franchise, he was asked to succeed Cal Ripken as manager. He agreed.

But during the off season, after his second term as an Oriole coach, he was named special assistant to Edward Bennett Williams, the Orioles president. He was being groomed for a significant role in the Orioles front office, perhaps the eventual successor to Roland Hemond as general manager, ft is what he wants to do. Thursday morning, long before the Orioles were to play the

Kansas City Royals, be answered the tele-phone at his desk. By arriving at his desk in the morning, he was displaying the "necessities" of a front-office executive trainee. "Getting to the office," be was told, "will

cut into your sleep after night games."

That's all right," he said with a laugh.
"I'll sleep late when we're on the road." If a manager can be judged fairly only by what he accomplishes with a good team, Frank Robinson has yet to be judged. He never had a divisional contender in

Now the fiery slugger who led the Orioles to the 1966 World Series sweep of the Dodgers has inherited another noncontender. "But this Oriole team isn't as bad as it looks," he was saying now. "I think we can be competitive. Not that we're going to win the pennant this year, but we can play over .500, and we will."

the Giants finished third with an 87-75 re-

Some people assumed Robinson was racially obligated to accept Williams's request to take over the team. He dismisses that theory, adding that "other people have been telling me I shouldn't have taken the job."

One reason he took it is the \$200,000 salary, in contrast to the \$80,000 he made in his front-office role. But when his one-year contract expires, he might return to the front office, where both his beart and his future seem to be. And where he has lately seen racial progress.



Fernando Valenzuela took a licking instead of giving one to John Kruk of the San Diego Padres when the Dodger pitcher walked Kruk with the bases loaded and forced in the game's final run.

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Conner's top legal adviser, Ken Poovey, said he does not expect

Fay to act on recent threats to chal-

lenge the legality of Conner's cata-

Fay maintains that under terms of the 100-year-old Cup Deed of

Gift. Conner is required to race him in a boat similar to massive

New Zealand, At 130-odd feet (39

meters), it is overall the biggest

racing yacht huilt in half a century.

catamarans, having raced mono-

hulls over his illustrious career, and

be looked it Thursday. He was

clearly excited as his 40-foot train-

ing yacht took off and skipped

along San Diego Bay at up to 20

Asked about his chances on the

water against Fay's craft, which

was launched in March, Conner

said that while pundits are predict-

ing New Zealand will have no

chance against a 60-foot, tiltralight

catamaran, he's not so sure.

"The buck stops with me, and I'm nervous as I can be," he said.

"It's easy for people to say catama-

rans are faster, but who's around that ever raced a 130-foot mono-

The answer is no one, and that

hull with a 180-foot mast?"

"scares me." Conner said.

Conner is fresh to the world of

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BASEBALL American League

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core-year contract, Named Joseph P. Helvar'
director of ticker operations.
CHICAGO—Traded Tim Hufert, Inteleder, to

COLLEDE

NCAA Queries Oklahoma on Rule Violations The Associated Press

NORMAN, Oklahoma — The University of Oklahoma has re-vealed that the school has received a letter of official inquiry from the NCAA concerning alleged rules violations relating to the Sooner foothall program.

The university's president, Frank Horton, would not comment Thursday on details of the investigation, but said he has heard nothing to reduce his "high esteem" for athletic director Donnie Duncan, his predecessor Wade Walker or football coach Barry Switzer.

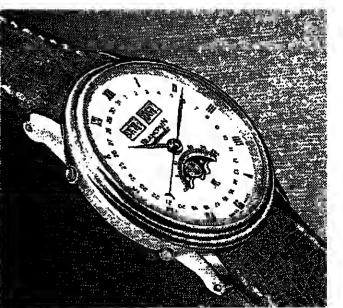
"Although we consider any alleged violation of NCAA rules to he a serious matter, we are hopeful that the matters raised in this inquiry can be resolved without a substantial impact on the university's football program." Horion said.

The letter of official inquiry was dated Feb. 25 and asks the university to conduct its own investigation, the university said. An official letter of inquiry re-

ports to the school the results of an NCAA investigation. Oklahoma was on NCAA probation in 1973 and 1974 following allegations of recruiting violations. The penalties included prohibitions against apincluded prohibitions against aga pearing in post-season bowl games.

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man of her Conservative Party was

out to get her. "Rightly or wrongly."

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[Norman] Tebbit regarded her as finished," said the book, published

on Thursday. The authors said Thatcher felt particularly vulnera-

hle following the Westland affair, in which two Conservative cabinet

ministers resigned in a controversy

involving the sale of Britain's only

helicopter manufacturer, "In Feb-

ruary, 1986, she learned that some

By Bruce Weber New York Times Service

RICHARD FORD and his wife, Kristina, have just rented another house, a double trailer they plan to use as a hunting cabin next fall. It's about 30 miles east of Great Falls, Montana, snug up against the Highwood Mountains, an isolated range of peaks that seems to have just sprouted out of the high plains from seeds dropped randomly by the wind. There's nothing much out here but the trailer, the mountains behind it, a cold creek, a vast, rolling

plain and the three of us. Since I mel Richard Ford 14 years ago. in a classroom in Ann Arbor, Michigan, I've visited sev-eral of the houses he's lived in in Dorset, Vermont, in Coahoma, Mississippi, in Princeton, New Jersey - and even lived in one of he and Kristina were settling elsewhere. This is my first trip to Montana, though. Together we've driven maybe 150 miles to get to this spot, over the Continental Divide from Missoula, deep in the Rockies: the Fords have lived there off and on since 1983. Aside from tending to this latest realestate transaction, we're just driving, seeing what there is to see. "We do this a lot," Ford says.

is the United States's most peripatetic fictioo writer. It is what has always interested me about him, this restlessness coupled with the introspection and privacy that any serious writer needs in order to get on with his work. I've never forgotten the first words I heard from him, delivered in a quiet, halting Southern voice, to a class of undergraduate writers in 1974. His first book, "A Piece of My Heart," had yet to appear: "I have just finished a novel, 674 pages in manuscript, that took me six years to write. I expect the same kind of dedication from you."

Years later, standing in the cold in Highwood, Montana, Ford echoes it, unprompted. "A lot of people could be novelists, if they were willing to devote their lives books. Montana is the setting for most of the stories in his acclaimed recent collection, "Rock claimed recent collection," Rock claimed recent collection, "Rock claimed recent collection," Rock claimed recent collection, "Rock claimed recent collection, "Rock claimed recent collection," Rock claimed recent claimed recent claimed recent collection, "Rock claimed recent claimed recent claimed recent collection," Rock claimed recent claimed r

preceded it. "A Piece of My Heart." finally published in 1976, was set primarily along the border of Arkansas and Mississippi, the two states he grew up in; "The Ultimate Good Luck," a violeni story of Americans mixed up in the drug trade, takes place in Oa-xaca, Mexico. Published in 1981, it was written mostly in Princeton, a town similar to the setting of his

following, "The Sportswriter." It's a body of work that in its variousness, its embrace of the continent, testifies to high amhition. But Ford's readership developed slowly. Together, his first two novels sold fewer than 12,000 copies. With "The Sportswriter," published two years ago in paperback by Vintage Contemporaries, his work took a marked turn. "The Sportswriter" has sold 60,000 copies; Vintage has returned both them myself, subletting an apart-ment from him in New York while and this fall plans a 50,000-copy reprint of "Rock Springs," which has already sold nearly 25,000 copies in a hard-cover edition.

A musing, first-person account of a suburh dweller probing his own contentedness in spite of his life's urgent disarray. "The Sportswriter" surprised many critics with its overarching lack of irony. In the narrator's commodious acceptance of the world's unexpected turns, it was a departure It's possible that Richard Ford from the alienated, often nihilistic spirit that has pervaded much of America's fiction in this decade.

The stories in "Rock Springs" are marked by the same authorial generosity. They are populated hy characters who are mostly down and out, natives of a remote region that simply doesn't offer them enough. It's a class of people familiar to readers of current fiction. But Ford's characters rarely yield to despair or defeat. They actively seek the high-minded so-lace that's available — in selfknowledge, in the future, in love. Often, ennoblingly, they seize it.

The essayist and editor Ted Solotaroff sees Ford, along with a handful of others, as providing American fiction again with the theme that life is serious, rather than that life is trivial or that life is

instinctive solicitous manners, a mellifluous accent, and a goodold-boy's appreciation of whiskey, sports, country music and iocular insults.

Richard Ford: Writer With a Sense of Place

"I really think that buman be-ings accommodating themselves to a landscape, to a place, is natively dramatic, that that in itself is potentially the stuff of literature," Ford says. He plans to set another book, a novel, out here.

"The stories dido't exhaust all the things I care about, the things that move me to write," be ex-plains. "The other books are novels, and in writing them I exhaust-ed everything, which is, in a way, my own private definition of a novel. I try to exhaust my own interest in a place. Then I'll just else where I kind of notice again how people accommodate them-selves to where they live. That accounts for the kinds of things I

The stories in "Rock Springs" do yield the sense of a unique place that is identifiable as Montana and concern people who are generally characterizable as adrift. In "Children," two teenage boys and a young girl. a runaway, have a desultory sexual adventure out on the desolate plains near the tiny town of Sunburst. The narrator, one of the boys now grown, recalls the setting as "an empty lonely place if you are not a wheat farmer. I make this a point only hecause I have thought possi-bly it was the place itself, as much as the time in our lives or our characters, that took part in the small things that happened and made them memorable."

Perhaps the most salient characteristic of the stories in "Rock Springs" is a climactic explication. In his most trenchant passages, Ford launches an almost essayistic probe of human yearning, and the stories resonate finally with the conviction that his characters have a real place in the world, however strained.

In the title story, for example, a petty thief who is seeking to start his life anew has his hopes dashed once more; facing another gloonry future, he offers, in the story's last paragraph, a chilling lament: "And I wondered, because it seemed funny, what would you claimed recent collection, "Rock ders, taut features and pale, severe think a man was doing if you saw Springs." Of the three novels that hlue eyes. He has a Southerner's him in the middle of the night



Writer Richard Ford: Restlessness, introspection and privacy. vine, where he studied literature

looking in the windows of cars in son in 1944 and raised there, the the parking lot of the Ramada Inn? Would you think he was trying to get his head cleared? Would you think he was trying to get ready for a day when trouble would come down on him? Would you think his girlfriend was leav-ing him? Would you think he had a daughter? Would you think he was anybody like you?"
Ford and his wife are an im-

pressive couple. Fair-haired and energetic, Kristina Ford has a Ph.D in urban and regional plan-ning, and much of the traveling that has informed Richard's fiction has been in pursuit of her career in teaching and research. They moved to Missoula when she took a job in the city government. They passed their 20th anniversary last month. Ford considers himself a Mis-

sissippian. He was born in Jack-

son of a traveling starch salesman. later - and he began spending more and more time with his grandparents in Little Rock, Arkansas, where they ran a hotel. Eventually, his mother would move there, too. A petty troublemaker as a teen-ager. Ford says it was his mother who kept him from serious scrapes with the law.

from jail. Because there won't be anybody home." In 1962, he entered Michigan State University in East Lansing, where he studied literature and wrote some tentative stories. It place in New Orleans for a while. wrote some tentative stories. It was there that he met Kristina Hensley, who, like Richard, had had an itinerant childhood. Her Times Magazine.

When my father died," he says,

"she told me: 'Don't call up here

years. "Neither of us grew up to feel staying put was the norm," he

After graduating. Ford taught school for a year in nearby Flint, "so I could kind of ride herd on Kristina, make sure she didn't get away from me." But they separated anyway. She went to New York to work as a model; he enrolled, for ooe unhappy semester, in law school, at Washington University in St. Louis.

"I was sitting in my mother's house in Little Rock," Ford recalls. "This was just after Christmas 1967. I was thinking to my-self. Jeez, this isn't any fun. This is horrible, in fact. I'm not with the girl I love. I'm embarked on a lead me to a life of dreariness.

nally make themselves, good or otherwise.

a screen treatment hased oo two of the stories in it, Ford says he's anxious to get back to fiction. "I want to write a Christmas story

father, an Air Force test pilot, had moved the family every three

Minister Prem Tinanlanonda "could hardly contain his excitement and even asked what colors the American actress would be wearing according to government spokesman Mechai Viravaidya."

career I can see already is going to "I mean, that's just the spark of anyone's imagination. You think to yourself: 'Let's do something different.' And being a writer just seemed like a good idea. It was just casting off into the dark. But I think that's the way people make themselves into whatever they fi-

He moved in with Kristina in New York and worked briefly for a magazine called the American Druggist. Then they began their travels as a couple in earnest: to the University of California at Irand writing with the novelists Oakley Hall and E.L. Doctorow; to Chicago, Ann Arbor, Mexico When Richard was 8, his father and the rest. Eventually, they suffered his first heart attack - a would serve on different faculties. second would kill him eight years she at Rutgers and New York University, he at Michigan, Princeton, Goddard College and Williams. By choice, they have no chil-

dren. Mutual guardians, they tend to look for each other in a roomful of people; Richard has dedicated each of his books to her. After a nationwide book tour for "Rock Springs," and finishing

Excerpted from The New York

Elizabeth Taylor arrived in To- as "Wobbly Thursday", the book kyo on her fund-raising trip for the said. battle against AIDS, hot at her pre-

Robert Kennedy Jr. and his wife. the eyehrows of a politician who was quoted in local papers as saying she was getting too much attention. Thailand's Nation newspaper, reporting on a lunch in Bangkok for the actress, said that Prime Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, New York, a spokeswoman in Senator Edward Kennedy's of-fice says. The new baby is the 10th grandchild for Kennedy's mother. Ethel. The new parents, both law-

Then the Bangkok Post quoted former Prime Minister Kukrit Prantoj. a frequent, biting critic of Prem, as saying that he felt "slighted" by the attention Prem gave to Taylor "I woman in space, spoke to 200 political and spiritual leaders attending a global survival forum at Oxford. am also a Hollywood actor, but he pays no special attention to me." Kukrit said. "I was the first Thai to England, telling them that nuclear disarmament is the only road for mankind's immortality." Teresh-Brando." Kukrit, 76, appeared in the 1959 movie "The Ugly Amerikova, who orbited the Earth 48 times aboard the Soviet Union's. Vostok 6 in 1963, recently became "What is so good about Elizabeth Taylor?" be continued. "She the head of the Soviet Union's state run International Cultural and Friendship Union, "Human has had seven busbands. How can you hold her up publicly?" Taylor has been married to six different beings had to hreak into space to realize how beautiful is their cradle. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's "Iron Lady" image is dented in a new book that describes

Sandi Patti dominated gospel-music's annual showcase once again this year by winning both top, female vocalist and artist of the her to power last year for the third nme. The political scientists David Butler and Dennis Kavanagh, au-thors of "The British General Elec-tion of 1987," say Thatcher barely year honors at the 19th Annual: Gospel Music Association Dove Awards in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the fifth time Patti has been named artist of the year and the second consecutive year she has taken the top award. Her award as female vocalist of the year marked. the seventh consecutive year she has woo that honor. Larnelle Harris, Steve Green, Wayne Watson and the group First Call were the other artist of the year nominees. Harris, a four-time Grammy winner from Louisville, Kentucky, was named top male vocalist and song, writer of the year and shared another Dove award for best inspirational album. The Dove Awards. of her more trusted senior ministers sponsored by the Gospel Music Asand their wives were talking of the sociation and awarded on voting by need to replace ber," according to the 3.200 GMA members, werethe book. Just a week before the June 11, 1987, election, polls showed the Conservative lead slipping and Thatcher tried to overturn
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